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Arapahoe Philharmonic Announces 2015-2016 Concert Season

September 18 Opening Performance: New World Discoveries

Denver – The Arapahoe Philharmonic (AP) celebrates the “Infinite Variety of Music” during its 2015-2016 season. The new concert season begins **Friday, September 18, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.** with music by Samuel Barber, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Antonín Dvořák.

Dvořák traveled to the new world and brought America’s native music to life, marrying spirituals to European concert music. Dvorak’s 9th symphony, one of the most popular and tuneful symphonies in the repertoire, is heard on the program along with two lesser-known works by English masters Samuel Barber and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Barber’s “student” Overture to *The School for Scandal*, though his first piece for full orchestra, already shows the skill and craft of a genius, perfectly portraying the scandalous exploits of Richard Brinsley Sheridan’s Lady Sneerwell. Vaughan Williams’ *Five Mystical Songs*, a celebration of goodness, hope and love, rounds out the program as we feature baritone Tom Kittle in his Arapahoe Philharmonic debut.

Maestro Devin Patrick Hughes will lead a pre-concert talk on the program beginning at 6:45 p.m. We will also present a regular feature, the Classic Children’s Corner, at 7:10 p.m. in the lobby, offering a casual introduction of classical music to the next generation of arts advocates.

All performances take place at **Mission Hills Church, 620 SouthPark Drive in Littleton**. Tickets are \$30 (adults), \$25 (seniors), and \$5 (students/children) and are available online at www.arapahoe-phil.org, by phone at 303-781-1892 or at the door. Season ticket packages are available at a significant discount.

THE FULL 2015-2016 SEASON:

All concerts at 7:30 p.m. at Mission Hills Church unless otherwise noted.

The Arapahoe Philharmonic is grateful for its sponsors: Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, Colorado Creative Industries, and Universal Music Company.

Friday, September 18, 2015 | New World Discoveries

Samuel Barber: Overture to *The School for Scandal*

Ralph Vaughan Williams: *Five Mystical Songs*

Tom Kittle, baritone

Antonin Dvořák: Symphony No. 9 (*From the New World*)

This concert is sponsored by Parkplace Denver Brookdale Senior Living.

Saturday, October 10, 2015 (Not part of the season subscription package.)

Edvard Grieg: *Peer Gynt* Suite No. 1 (Arapahoe Philharmonic)

Morten Lauridsen: *Sure on This Shining Night* (Cherry Creek Chorale)

Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 (Choral)

Cherry Creek Chorale

Tiffany Blake, soprano

Sarah Barber, mezzo-soprano

Jason Baldwin, tenor

Steven Taylor, baritone

This performance opens the new Scottish Rite Classical Music Concert Series.

Denver Consistory

1370 Grant Street

Denver, CO 80203

Tickets and information: www.srconcerts.org

Friday, November 6, 2015 | Tales from the North

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky: "1812" Overture

Edvard Grieg: *Peer Gynt* Suite No. 1

With the Winner of the Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Conducting Competition

Jean Sibelius: Symphony No. 5

Silent Auction beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 11, 2015 | Holiday Fireworks

George Frideric Handel: *Music for the Royal Fireworks*, HWV 351

Anatol Liadov: Eight Russian Folk Songs

Otto Nicolai: Overture from *The Merry Wives of Windsor*

Sergei Prokofiev: *Overture on Hebrew Themes*

Chip Davis: *Stille Nacht*

Arthur Harris: *Adeste Fidelis*

Holiday Sing-Along

Friday, February 12, 2016 | Celestial Waters

Johannes Brahms: Violin Concerto
Gregory Walker, violin
Claude Debussy: *La Mer (The Sea)*

Monday, February 15, 2016 (Not part of the season subscription package.)

Johannes Brahms: Violin Concerto
Gregory Walker, violin
Claude Debussy: *La Mer (The Sea)*

Encore performance at the
King Center at Auraria Campus
855 Lawrence Way
Denver, CO 80204
Box office: 303-556-2296

Friday, March 18, 2016 | Fate's Celebration

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4
T. Gordon Parks Collegiate Concerto Competition Winner

Friday, May 13, 2016 | Sacred Structures

Edgar Girtain: World Premiere Commission
Winner of the Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Composition Competition and AP Composer-in-Residence through the 2015-2016 season.
Anton Bruckner: Symphony No. 4 (*Romantic*)

Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, 2016 (Not part of the season subscription package.)

Lars-Erik Larsson: God in Disguise
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Requiem
Cherry Creek Chorale

Bethany Lutheran Church
4500 E. Hampden Blvd.
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113
Tickets and information at www.cherrycreekchorale.com.

About Tom Kittle

Baritone Tom Kittle is known for his versatile vocal ability and strong stage presence. He received his bachelors and master's degrees from the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music. A prolific performer of opera, classical, and musical theater, Tom has played the following roles on stage: Schaunard in *La Bohème*; Guglielmo in *Così fan tutte*; Valentin in *Faust*; Escamillo in *Carmen*; Peter, the father, in *Hänsel und Gretel*; Belcore in *L'elisir d'amore*; Major-General Stanley in *Pirates of Penzance*; Curly in Rogers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!*; and the title role in Mozart's operatic masterpiece *Don Giovanni*. He will travel to Germany this fall for six weeks of auditions with agents and opera houses.

Tom excels in concert performance and has sung Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem* with the Boulder Symphony Orchestra; Bach's Cantata 140 with the Lamont Chorale; and Mahler's *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen* with both the Boulder Symphony Orchestra and Aurora Symphony. Tom has also competed and placed in several competitions: first place in the 2013 Denver Lyric Opera Guild's annual vocal

competition, the Young Artist Encouragement award in the 2013 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, and fifth place in the Denver Lyric Opera Guild's 2012 competition.

About the Arapahoe Philharmonic

Founded in 1953, the Arapahoe Philharmonic is among the longest established, continuously operating musical resources in Colorado. After thriving under just two conductors between 1953 and 2012, T. Gordon Parks and Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr., we welcomed the exciting new conductor Devin Patrick Hughes to the podium in the 2013-2014 season. The orchestra's musicians are primarily volunteers playing for the love of music, with a core of compensated section principals who provide technical leadership and support the excellence of performance.

Concerts in our home of Mission Hills Church in Littleton feature repertoire spanning the centuries, from the great masters to composers of the current day. The Philharmonic is invested in future generations, presenting annual children's concerts, sponsoring outreach to schools, and presenting three collegiate-level competitions, the T. Gordon Parks Memorial Collegiate Concerto Competition and the Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Collegiate Conducting and Composition Competitions.

About the Music Director

Devin Patrick Hughes was appointed Music Director and Conductor of the Arapahoe Philharmonic in summer of 2013. He had previously held conducting posts with the Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association, Denver Contemporary Chamber Players, Denver Philharmonic Orchestra, Denver Young Artists Orchestra and Lamont Symphony Orchestra. He is also currently Music Director of the Boulder Symphony Orchestra. Hughes was the only American selected with eleven other finalists in the Arturo Toscanini International Conducting Competition in Parma, Italy. More information may be found at www.devinpatrickhughes.com.

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