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Arapahoe Philharmonic Conductor Represents Denver On World Stage

Arapahoe Philharmonic Music Director **Devin Patrick Hughes** was selected from among hundreds of conductors around the world to compete in the 2017 Solti International Conducting Competition in Budapest and Pécs, Hungary.

Maestro Hughes has brought the Arapahoe Philharmonic to new artistic heights and community engagement over the past five seasons, and is highly regarded for his exhilarating score interpretations, advocacy for music accessibility, innate passion, and entrepreneurial vigor.

In addition to his work with the Arapahoe Philharmonic, Hughes concurrently serves as Music Director of the Boulder Symphony and Denver's Civic Youth Orchestra. In 2010 he was the only American selected with eleven other conductors worldwide to compete in the Toscanini International Conducting Competition in Parma, Italy, in honor of the famed Maestro of the New York Philharmonic and La Scala, Arturo Toscanini. Hughes performed as a conducting fellow at the American Academy of Conducting at Aspen and has conducted orchestras across North America and Europe.

Press kit for Devin Patrick Hughes: <http://devinpatrickhughes.com/media/>

Filharmonia Hungary is happy to announce the **Solti International Conducting Competition** (<http://solticompetition.com/en/bekoszonto/>), which will be taking place in October and December 2017 in Hungary. The competition will be followed by wide media coverage and provides an excellent opportunity for young conductors to prove their talent by performing before a prestigious international jury and live television audience.

About Sir Georg Solti

Sir Georg Solti (György Stern Solti, born October 21, 1912—died September 5, 1997) is a Hungarian-born British conductor and pianist, and one of the most highly regarded conductors of the late 20th century. Solti studied at the Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest with Béla Bartók and Zoltán Kodály. He won the Geneva International Piano Competition in 1942. After the war he became music director of the Bavarian State Opera in Munich (1946–52), the Frankfurt Opera (1952–60), and the Royal Opera at Covent Garden (1961–71). He assumed British citizenship in 1972, and was knighted that same year.

From 1969 to 1991, Solti was music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, reestablishing the orchestra's international reputation. He was chief conductor of the Orchestra of Paris (1972–75) and acted as musical adviser to the Paris Opéra from 1971 to 1973. He served as the principal conductor and artistic director of the London Philharmonic Orchestra from 1979 to 1983. During his career Solti won 32 Grammy Awards, more than any other performer in recording history. His *Memoirs* (also published as *Solti on Solti*, written with Harvey Sachs) appeared in 1997, shortly after his death.

About the Arapahoe Philharmonic

Founded in 1953, the Arapahoe Philharmonic is among the longest established, continuously operating musical resources in Colorado. The organization is dedicated to providing the highest degree of musical excellence and cultural enrichment to the region and engaging area youth in educational opportunities promoting an interest in classical music. 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 feature repertoire spanning the centuries, from the great masters to composers of the current day. The Philharmonic is invested in future generations, presenting an annual children's concert, sponsoring outreach to schools, working with area student honor orchestras, sponsoring a Play-In for high school students to work side-by-side with experienced Arapahoe Philharmonic players, coaching the Civic Youth Orchestra in partnership with Avanti Music Academy in Highlands Ranch, and presenting three collegiate-level competitions, the T. Gordon Parks Concerto Competition and the Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Conducting and Composition Competitions.

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