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“Let It Snow!” Winter Concert by Arapahoe Philharmonic Highlights Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 1 (*Winter Dreams*)

Program also includes works by Johann Strauss, Jr., Malcolm Arnold and arrangement by orchestra member Susan Day

Denver – The Arapahoe Philharmonic (AP) celebrates the holidays with its third concert of the season, “Let It Snow!” on **Friday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.** in Mission Hills Church, 620 SouthPark Drive, Littleton, CO 80120. Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s First Symphony, subtitled “Winter Dreams,” is the anchor of the evening. Tchaikovsky was quite fond of the symphony and noted that he thought it better than many of his later, more “mature” works.

The concert opens with *Classic Chanukah Medley*, an arrangement by Arapahoe Philharmonic violinist Susan Day, incorporating four traditional Chanukah songs: *Chanukah*, *Maoz Tzur (Rock of Ages)*, *The Dreidel Song* and *Al Hanissim*. Two light-hearted polkas by Johann Strauss, Jr. follow: *Tritsch-Tratsch* (possibly meaning “chit chat” or gossip) and *Unter Donner und Blitz* (Thunder and Lightning). Malcolm Arnold’s *The Holly and the Ivy*, his Fantasy on Christmas Carols including *The Holly and the Ivy*, *The First Nowell*, *I Saw Three Ships* and *Away in a Manger*, complete the first half of the program.

A Silent Auction will precede the concert, beginning at 6:30 p.m., and continue throughout intermission.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors (65 and over) and \$5 for students and children. Tickets may be purchased online at www.arapahoe-phil.org, by phone at 303-781-1892 and at the door the night of the concert beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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 celebrated our 60th anniversary in 2013-2014 with an exciting new conductor, Devin Patrick Hughes. 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 masterclasses and outreach to schools, as well as our three collegiate-level competitions.

About the Music Director

Devin Patrick Hughes was appointed Music Director and Conductor of the Arapahoe Philharmonic in the 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. In 2010, 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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