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Arapahoe Philharmonic Showcases Classic Traditions with Brahms and Tchaikovsky

Guest Violinist, Josiah Hamill, Winner of 2014 Concerto Competition

Denver – The Arapahoe Philharmonic presents “Classic Traditions” on **Friday, March 14, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.** with a program featuring Johannes Brahms’ lush Symphony No. 2 and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto, one of the most popular and technical concertos for violin, with soloist Josiah Hamill, winner of the 2014 T. Gordon Parks Collegiate Concerto Competition sponsored by the orchestra. Maestro Devin Patrick Hughes conducts this fifth concert in the Philharmonic’s 60th Anniversary Season at Mission Hills Church, 620 SouthPark Drive, Littleton. Hughes and Charley Samson, Colorado Public Radio classical music host and Arapahoe Philharmonic emcee, will give a pre-concert talk at 6:45 p.m. discussing the program. Tickets are \$25 (adults), \$20 (seniors), and \$5 (students/children) and are available online at www.arapahoe-phil.org, by phone at 303-781-1892 or at the door.

Each Arapahoe Philharmonic concert also provides a Classic Children’s Corner at 7:15 p.m. in the lobby offering a casual introduction of classical music to the next generation of arts advocates.

The Arapahoe Philharmonic’s mission includes providing performance opportunities for emerging talent, and the T. Gordon Parks Collegiate Concerto Competition is one of the ways the orchestra supports young musicians. Named for the founder of the Philharmonic, the competition draws applicants from Colorado and the surrounding states to participate. The top three candidates receive cash awards, with the First Prize Winner also provided the opportunity to perform his or her concerto in a regular season concert. Karlie Denos, from the University of Colorado-Boulder, was awarded Second Prize, and Third Prize went to Luis Salazar from Wichita State University.

Josiah Hamill, the 2014 First Prize Winner, is a violin student of Linda Wang at the Lamont School of Music at the University of Denver. He has appeared as soloist with the Denver Young Artists Orchestra and Littleton Symphony and has been a member of the DYAO, DYAO Conservatory Orchestra, Littleton Symphony and Colorado Young Sinfonia. Hamill is a past volunteer member of the Veteran’s Administration National Medical Musical Group orchestra and the Colorado Symphony’s Instrument

Petting Zoo event for young and underprivileged children. A member of DU's prestigious Joint Dean's List and Hornbeck Scholars, sustaining a 4.0 GPA while keeping a rigorous schedule of classes, Hamill is proficient in violin, piano, and pipe organ, and maintains a piano teaching studio.

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 celebrate our 60th anniversary season 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 outreach to schools, and presenting two collegiate-level competitions, the T. Gordon Parks Memorial Collegiate Concerto Competition and the Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Collegiate Conducting Competition.

About the Music Director

Devin Patrick Hughes was appointed Music Director and Conductor of the Arapahoe Philharmonic in summer 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. 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.arapahoe-phil.org.

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