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Arapahoe Philharmonic Opens New Scottish Rite Concert Series

Denver—The Arapahoe Philharmonic (AP) and Cherry Creek Chorale will open the new Scottish Rite Classical Concert Series at the Denver Consistory on Saturday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. The program features Beethoven's magnificent Ninth Symphony with soloists soprano Tiffany Blake, mezzo-soprano Sarah Barber, tenor Jason Baldwin, and baritone Steven Taylor. Edvard Grieg's *Peer Gynt* Suite No. 1 (Arapahoe Philharmonic, Devin Patrick Hughes, Music Director and Conductor) and Morten Lauridsen's *Sure on This Shining Night* (The Cherry Creek Chorale, Brian Patrick Leatherman, Artistic Director and Conductor) round out the program.

This concert is the first in a series of five given by community-based orchestras in the Denver metro area. Ticket prices start at \$35.00. A pre-concert reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar is available for \$15.00 starting at 6:00 p.m. A reception with the performers after the concert with coffee, tea, cash bar, and desserts is available for \$6.00. A 30-minute organ prelude with guest organist John Howard PhD will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Free parking at the James Merrick State Parking Facility located at Lincoln and 14th Avenue—less than two blocks from the Denver Consistory—is included with ticket purchase.

For more information and tickets, visit www.srconcerts.org or call 1-800-838-3006.

Denver Consistory (Scottish Rite Masonic Center): 1370 Grant St., Denver, CO 80203

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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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