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Arapahoe Philharmonic Announces 2016–2017 Concert Season, “Symphonic Sensations”

Littleton, CO – The Arapahoe Philharmonic (AP), under the direction of Devin Patrick Hughes, announces its 2016–2017 concert season titled “Symphonic Sensations.” The **six-concert subscription series** features such masterworks as Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony, Mussorgsky’s *Pictures at an Exhibition*, Schubert’s “Great” Symphony No. 9 in C major and Berlioz’s *Symphonie Fantastique*. Violin soloist Phoenix Avalon will perform Shostakovich’s Violin Concerto No. 1. Winners of our T. Gordon Parks Concerto Competition and Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Composition Competition will also be showcased.

In addition to our full orchestral concerts, several special concerts are planned. In November, the AP will host **harpist Rachel Knight**, winner of the 2016 T. Gordon Parks Concerto Competition, in a solo harp recital. In January we will present two performances of the **AP Sinfonietta**, a new chamber orchestra made up of Arapahoe Philharmonic players performing works for smaller instrumentation. This year, the Sinfonietta will perform Mendelssohn’s Symphony No. 4 (*Italian*) and Mozart’s Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat major, K. 364, with AP concertmaster Tracy LaGuardia and principal violist Heidi Snyder as soloists. Another exciting feature is having our annual **Children’s Concert** accessible to the public. Past Children’s Concerts have filled the performance venue with nearly 1,000 students and teachers from area schools. A new, larger venue for this year’s concert allows us to open a limited number of seats to our patrons and the public for an entertaining, kid-friendly, weekday morning musical experience.

Season ticket packages, offering discounted pricing and a number of additional benefits, are available. An additional “Early Bird” discount is offered for orders placed before August 15. Pricing and benefits are outlined on our website at www.arapahoe-phil.org/events/buy-tickets/. Single tickets are also available now for all performances.

THE FULL 2016–2017 SEASON:

All concerts at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Pre-concert talks offered at 6:45 p.m. before most concerts.

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

The Sword of Fate

Friday, September 23, 2016 at South Suburban Christian Church, 7275 S. Broadway, Littleton 80122

**Saturday, September 24, 2016 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 8817 S. Broadway,
Highlands Ranch 80129**

Richard Strauss: *Tod und Verklärung (Death and Transfiguration)*, Op. 24

Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67

Great Masters

Friday, November 4, 2016 at South Suburban Christian Church

Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Aspen Academy, 5859 S. University Blvd., Greenwood Village 80121

Johannes Brahms: *Variations on a Theme by Joseph Haydn*, Op. 56a

Franz Schubert: Symphony No. 9 in C major (*Great*), D. 944

Rachel Knight Harp Recital

**Thursday, November 10, 2016 at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave.,
Cherry Hills Village 80113**

Works by Mikhail Glinka, Carlos Salzedo, Felix Godefroid and Carrol McLaughlin.

Season ticket holders receive a free ticket to this recital.

Miracle of the Season

Friday, December 9, 2016 at South Suburban Christian Church

Samuel Barber: *Die Natali (Chorale Preludes for Christmas)*, Op. 77

Giovanni Gabrieli: Sonata pian' e forte

Joseph Haydn: Symphony No. 96 in D major (*Miracle*)

Johann Strauss II: *An der schönen blauen Donau (Blue Danube Waltz)*, Op. 314

Leroy Anderson: *Sleigh Ride*

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Sing-Along Favorites

Arapahoe Philharmonic Sinfonietta

Friday, January 27, 2017 at Bethany Lutheran Church

Saturday, January 28, 2017 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat major, K. 364

Soloists: Tracy LaGuardia, violin; Heidi Snyder, viola

Felix Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 4 in A major (*Italian*), Op. 90

These concerts are not part of the orchestral subscription package. Season ticket holders receive a voucher for discounted tickets.

Eastern Powers

Friday, February 17, 2017 at South Suburban Christian Church

Dmitri Shostakovich: Violin Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Op. 77

Soloist: Phoenix Avalon, violin

Modest Mussorgsky (Ravel orch.): *Pictures at an Exhibition*

Mystery of the Enigma

Friday, March 31, 2017 at South Suburban Christian Church

Winner of the T. Gordon Parks Concerto Competition (Winds/Brass/Percussion)

Edward Elgar: *Enigma Variations*, Op. 36

Children's Concert

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at Denver First Church of the Nazarene, 3800 E. Hampden Ave.,
Cherry Hills Village 80113**

"The Classical Case of Mixed Emotions" with narrators

Dreams of the Future

Friday, May 19, 2017 at South Suburban Christian Church

Saturday, May 20, 2017 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Winner of the Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Composition Competition

Hector Berlioz: *Symphonie Fantastique*, Op. 14

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 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, coaching the new Civic Youth Orchestra in partnership with Avanti Music Academy in Highlands Ranch, 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 is highly regarded for his exhilarating score interpretations, advocacy for music accessibility and promotion of music of our time. He is concurrently serving as Music Director and Conductor of the Arapahoe Philharmonic and Boulder Symphony, and has established himself as a musical leader in the region through previous positions with the Santa Fe Youth Symphony Association, Denver Young Artists Orchestra, Denver Philharmonic Orchestra and Denver Contemporary Chamber Players. Hughes was the only American selected with eleven other finalists in the 2010 Arturo Toscanini International Conducting Competition in Parma, Italy, was a conducting fellow at the American Academy of Conducting at Aspen, and has conducted ensembles across North America and Europe, including the Winnipeg Symphony, Colorado Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic, Green Bay Symphony and Filarmonica Arturo Toscanini. More information may be found at www.devinpatrickhughes.com.

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