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## **Arapahoe Philharmonic Invites Audience to Composition Competition Open Rehearsal**

Littleton, CO – The Arapahoe Philharmonic (AP) invites members of the community to attend its open rehearsal and reading of three works by emerging composers as part of its bi-annual Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Composition Competition.

Twenty-five compositions were submitted in June for the 2016 competition. The judging panel, comprising several principal orchestra players, Music Director Devin Patrick Hughes and previous composition competition winner Edgar F. Girtain IV, selected three finalists through a blind evaluation process. These three selections will be rehearsed and performed by the Arapahoe Philharmonic on **Tuesday, August 9 at South Suburban Christian Church, 7275 S. Broadway, Littleton 80122. Guests are invited to arrive between 8:15–8:30 p.m.**

After hearing all three compositions, the orchestra and audience will be asked to rank the works. Input received will help orchestra leadership determine a winner of the 2016 Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Composition Competition. The winner will be named the Arapahoe Phil's Composer-in-Residence for the 2016–2017 and 2017–2018 concert seasons. The winning composition will be performed on the AP's May 19 and 20, 2017 concerts, and a new orchestral work will be commissioned from the composer for the 2017–2018 season.

### ***Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Composition Competition Open Rehearsal/Reading***

***Date:*** Tuesday, August 9, 2016; Doors open to the public at 8:15 p.m.

***Location:*** South Suburban Christian Church, 7275 S. Broadway, Littleton 80122

***Cost:*** Free

***Questions and information:*** Contact the Arapahoe Philharmonic office, [erin@arapahoe-phil.org](mailto:erin@arapahoe-phil.org) or 303-781-1892

### **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](http://www.devinpatrickhughes.com).

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