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Arapahoe Philharmonic Presents Harpist Rachel Knight in Recital

Littleton, CO – The Arapahoe Philharmonic (AP) is pleased to present harpist Rachel Knight in a solo recital at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2016. The recital will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Avenue, Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113. Ms. Knight will perform works by Reinhold Glière, Mikhail Glinka, Paul Patterson, Carrol McLaughlin, Félix Godefroid, Paul Hindemith, Hugh Reinhold and Carlos Salzedo. (Full program information may be found below.) Tickets are \$20 for adults/seniors and \$5 for students/children and may be purchased online at www.arapahoe-phil.org, by phone at 303-781-1892 or at the door the night of the recital.

Ms. Knight was the 2016 winner of the Arapahoe Philharmonic's T. Gordon Parks Concerto Competition, performing Ginastera's Harp Concerto with the orchestra in March 2016. She recently won the Northern Trust/Virginia Piper Enrichment Award, which is sponsoring a recital tour throughout the United States and Brazil.

Full program:

Reinhold Glière: Impromptu

Mikhail Glinka, trans. Ksenia Erdeli: The Lark

Paul Patterson: Spiders

Carrol McLaughlin: The Eternal Harp

Félix Godefroid: La Danse Des Sylphes

-Intermission-

Paul Hindemith: Sonate for Harp

Hugh Reinhold, trans. Elizabeth Hainen: Impromptu

Carlos Salzedo: Variations on a Theme in Ancient Style

About Rachel Knight

Rachel Knight is currently a Doctor of Musical Arts student at the University of Arizona, studying with Dr. Carrol McLaughlin. She holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Arizona and a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Northern Colorado, where she completed a double major in harp performance and piano performance. Throughout all her studies, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA and has received prestigious awards including the National Merit Scholarship, Presser Scholarship, Music

Advisory Board Distinguished Graduate Student Award, and Northern Trust/Piper Enrichment Award. Rachel has received first place in a number of competitions including the Golden Era of Romantic Music International Competition and the American Fine Arts Festival Russian Music Competition, which led to a solo performance in Carnegie Hall. She also received the top prize in the University of Northern Concerto Competition, Angie Southard Competition, Tucson Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition, ENKOR International Music Competition, Young Texas Artists Music Competition, T. Gordon Parks Concerto Competition, and Fourth International Competition in Mexico. Rachel has toured extensively, giving solo recitals in Hong Kong, at the XI Rio Harp Festival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and throughout the United States. She has also toured as a member of HarpFusion to Jaragua do Sul, Brazil. She has performed for the American Musicological Society and as first harpist for the Summer Opera Program at the International Lyric Academy in Italy. She has been the concerto soloist with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, University of Northern Colorado Symphony Orchestra, and Arapahoe Philharmonic.

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.

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