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Hello Music Teachers, Classroom Teachers, and Parents:

On Wednesday, April 19th at 10:00 a.m., over 1000 students and their teachers will arrive at the Arapahoe Philharmonic's Children's Concert and experience not only orchestral music, but also an entire concert climate designed for kids.

Students arrive at least 30 minutes early and, after being seated, are greeted by adult orchestra players who share their own love of music. The adults demonstrate their instruments. Students' eyes *sparkle* and their brains *click* as they absorb every detail of how the instrument works, what it sounds like, and how the adult makes the sound.

The concert begins and students are on the edge of their seats, looking especially at their favorite instrument. They know what to expect in the concert because the **Teacher's Guide** has helped teachers prepare them. The Guide is a great tool to use with students before arriving on concert day. It connects music and hands-on activities to Language Arts, Social Studies and Art. The concert is formal, allowing children to get the correct feel for appropriate behavior and climate. It is fun because of the music chosen, and the narrators make the performance engaging and age-appropriate.

Students and teachers leave the concert hall wanting more, exclaiming "That was really cool!" and "I wish I could play an instrument!" and "I loved getting to touch that bass!"

Come be a part of this exciting experience as we delve into a story called "A Classical Case of Mixed Emotions." Colorado State Music Standards 3 (Theory of Music) and 4 (Aesthetic Valuation of Music) will be the educational focus of the concert. We believe the Arapahoe Philharmonic has the most hands-on children's concert in the area and you don't have to deal with downtown traffic issues. The concert will be held at **Denver First Church of the Nazarene, 3800 E. Hampden Ave, Englewood, CO 80113** (just west of Colorado Blvd, on Hampden) Join us - safe, easy access, great education and a fun combination of *music!*

The Arapahoe Philharmonic has a deep commitment to music education, and educating young students is an integral part of our mission statement, as evidenced by our sponsorship of children's concerts for 50 years. Many Arapahoe Philharmonic orchestra members are teachers, either in a regular classroom, a music classroom or a music studio. But all of our members value the Children's Concert and volunteer their services for this concert. The narrators this year are Beethoven and Mozart (Andrew Haller and Brian Leatherman) along with a travelling 600 year old wizard, Professor DumbleDevin, (our beloved conductor, Devin Hughes) who is wise in the ways of music and sound, teaching us, using magic and emotions. They will be weaving a story around selections the students should know and soon love!

Teachers, as you're planning your second semester curriculum, add a live concert performance with the Arapahoe Philharmonic. See the attached application sheet for details and email/phone for questions. We assign seating in order of application receipt and payment.

We hope to hear from you sooner than the deadline date!

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