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Arapahoe Philharmonic Presents Two Free Summer Concerts

July 2: Fisher Auditorium on The Englewood Campus

July 3: Harry A. Nottingham Park, Avon, Colorado

Littleton, CO – The Arapahoe Philharmonic kicks off its 2017–2018 concert season with two free Americana/pops performances with selections by Bernstein, Copland, Gershwin, Gould, LaGuardia, Rossini, Sousa, Tchaikovsky and Williams. (Full program details below.) The first performance takes place on **Sunday, July 2, 2017, 3 p.m., at Fisher Auditorium on The Englewood Campus**, 3800 S. Logan St., Englewood, CO 80113. The orchestra will then perform the program on the City of Avon’s Westin Salute to the U.S.A. program at **Harry A. Nottingham Park**, 1 Lake St., Avon, CO 81620 on **Monday, July 3, 2017**, starting at 7:45 p.m. and immediately followed by a festive fireworks display. Additional information is available at www.arapahoe-phil.org or by calling 303-781-1892.

Fisher Auditorium, the newly renovated theater at the Englewood High School complex, will be the orchestra’s primary performance venue for the 2017–2018 concert season.

Concert Repertoire

Leonard Bernstein: Overture, to *Candide*

Aaron Copland: Hoe-down, from *Rodeo*

George Gershwin: *An American in Paris*

Morton Gould: *American Suite*

Brian LaGuardia: *Variations on Shenandoah*

Gioachino Rossini: *William Tell Overture*

John Philip Sousa: *Semper Fidelis March*

John Philip Sousa: *Stars and Stripes Forever*

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: *1812 Overture*

John Williams: selections from *Star Wars Suite 1 and 2*

John Williams: *Summon the Heroes*

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, providing 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 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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