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Journey Out of This World with the Arapahoe Philharmonic at “A Night at the Movies — Final Frontier”

Littleton, CO – The Arapahoe Philharmonic will take you on a musical space exploration on **Saturday, March 10, 2018**, in a program titled “**A Night at the Movies — Final Frontier.**” Some of the greatest orchestral music of recent time is from film, with melodies that accentuate on-screen action and provide thematic motifs that separate the heroes from the villains.

Composers Jerry Goldsmith and John Williams have created music beloved to generations due to the popularity of television and movie series over recent decades. Influence from centuries of traditional classical music blend with uninhibited imagination to bring life in faraway galaxies into our popular culture. The Final Frontier program explores the musical creative genius from *Star Wars*, *Star Trek*, *Alien* and *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*.

Music Director Devin Patrick Hughes will share the podium with Ho-Yin Kwok, winner of the 2017–2018 Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Conducting Competition.

Each March the Arapahoe Philharmonic participates in the League of American Orchestra’s *Orchestras Feeding America* program, through which orchestras across the country partner with local food banks to restock the shelves. This year we are partnering with the Weinberg Food Pantry at Jewish Family Service. JFS serves 22,000 people annually by providing food and services to those in crisis without regard to faith, race, age, income or ability. We ask that all audience members bring non-perishable food items – one can or a whole bag – to the concert as a donation to the Weinberg Food Pantry.

When: Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Fisher Auditorium on the Englewood High School Campus, 3800 S. Logan St., Englewood 80113

Program:

Richard Strauss: *Also Sprach Zarathustra* (introduction only)

Jerry Goldsmith: Selections from *Alien*

Calvin Custer: *Star Trek Through the Years*

Jerry Goldsmith: *Star Trek 50th Anniversary Suite*

John Williams: *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

John Williams: *E.T. Adventures on Earth*

A pre-concert talk with Maestro Hughes, Maestro Kwok and AP member and orchestral arranger Brian LaGuardia will be held at 6:45 p.m. in the Black Box Theater. Kids of all ages are invited to our Classic Children's Corner in the lobby at 7:10 p.m.

Audience members are invited to join the orchestra in showing their allegiance to their favorite sci-fi franchise by wearing costumes to the performance.

Tickets are available online at www.arapahoe-phil.org or by calling 303-781-1892. Tickets will also be available at the door starting at 6:30 p.m., pending availability.

The Arapahoe Philharmonic is grateful for its season sponsors: Citizens of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) and Colorado Creative Industries. We also thank the T.G. Parks Trust for sponsoring the Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Conducting Competition.

Download the 2017–2018 Season Brochure: <https://www.arapahoe-phil.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/17-18-Season-Brochure.pdf>

Music Director Devin Patrick Hughes and arranger Brian LaGuardia speak about the Final Frontier program: <https://youtu.be/DbM6ft3Ciy8>

About Ho-Yin Kwok

Described by *Classical Voice of North Carolina* (CVNC) as an “impressive conductor...outstanding in his attention to detail and his command of the big picture,” Ho-Yin Kwok was recently appointed Artistic Director and Conductor of the Mississippi Valley Orchestra. He was twice-named Conducting Fellow of Eastern Music Festival in North Carolina, where he conducted the faculty ensemble, Eastern Festival Orchestra and Guilford Symphony Orchestra. Ho-Yin has previously served as assistant conductor of Collegium Musicum Hong Kong and assisted its debut in Carnegie Hall of New York City. He also conducted tours with the Hong Kong Baptist University Symphony in Southern China and concerts in Hong Kong Cultural Centre. Other previous conducting positions include conductor of Sacred Heart Canossian College Orchestra and St. Stephen's College Orchestra, with which he made his debut in Großer Musikvereinssaal, Vienna and won 1st Prize in the Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival 2014. Ho-Yin Kwok is currently a doctoral teaching assistant at the University of Minnesota. Previously, Ho-Yin obtained a Master degree in Orchestral Conducting from University of Iowa and Bachelor degree from Hong Kong Baptist University. Additional studies have taken him to Berlin, where he conducted the Berlin Sinfonietta under the direction of Colin Metters. He also studied with Gerard Schwarz, Grant Cooper, José -Luis Novo and Eric Garcia. His principal conducting teachers are Mark Russell Smith and William LaRue Jones.

About the Arapahoe Philharmonic

Founded in 1953, the Arapahoe Philharmonic is among the longest established, continuously operating musical resources in Colorado. The organization is dedicated to providing the highest degree of musical excellence and cultural enrichment to the region and engaging area youth in educational opportunities promoting an interest in classical music. 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, sponsoring a Play-In for high school students to work side-by-side with experienced Arapahoe Philharmonic players, coaching the Civic Youth Orchestra in partnership with Avanti Music Academy in Highlands Ranch, and presenting three collegiate-

level competitions, the T. Gordon Parks Concerto Competition and the Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. 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. In 2010, Hughes was the only American selected with eleven other finalists in the Arturo Toscanini International Conducting Competition in Parma, Italy. He was recently selected from hundreds of his peers across the globe to compete in the 2017 Solti International Conducting Competition in Hungary. Hughes 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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