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Arapahoe Philharmonic Announces 65th Anniversary Concert Season, “Symphonic Triumphs”

Littleton, CO – The Arapahoe Philharmonic (AP), under the direction of Devin Patrick Hughes, announces its 2018–2019 concert season titled “Symphonic Triumphs.” The **six-concert subscription series**, held September through May, shines a spotlight on the orchestra for its 65th anniversary season as they perform powerhouses of the repertoire including the Fifth Symphonies of Shostakovich and Mahler and Bartók’s *Concerto for Orchestra*. The orchestra will also present gems from the great masters like Schumann’s Third Symphony and Ravel’s *Daphnis and Chloe* Suite No. 2, as well as lesser-known works by Rimsky-Korsakov and Respighi.

In addition to showcasing the orchestra, each program will feature a composer from the Americas, including Charles Ives, Sarah Kirkland Snider, Elizabeth Comninellis and Arturo Márquez. The organization has also commissioned new works from past composition competition winners Jonathan Bingham and Edgar Girtain, and will premiere a work by its new composer-in-residence in May.

The popular “Night at the Movies” program returns with music from *How to Train Your Dragon*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*, in addition to Dukas’ *The Sorcerer’s Apprentice* and early film music composer Erich Wolfgang Korngold’s Violin Concerto, with Boulder-based Charles Wetherbee as soloist.

Our annual Children’s Discovery Concert will be a program of favorites no matter your age, Prokofiev’s *Peter and the Wolf* and Saint-Saëns’ *Carnival of the Animals*. The weekday morning performance is a field trip for hundreds of area students and teachers, with tickets available to the public as well. We will also introduce a new multi-generational Family Concert this season with repertoire that is “Out of This World,” including selections from *Star Wars*, *Star Trek*, Holst’s *The Planets*, *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial* and *Superman*.

In the spring, we will perform a collaborative program between the **AP Sinfonietta** and the Cherry Creek Chorale. The orchestra will perform Barber’s haunting *Adagio for Strings* and Telemann’s Trumpet Concerto in D with soloist Anthony Zator, and will be joined by the Chorale for Vivaldi’s Gloria and Rutter’s Requiem.

Season ticket packages, offering discounted pricing and a number of additional benefits, are available. Pricing and benefits are outlined on our website at www.arapahoe-phil.org/events/buy-tickets/.

The AP once again offers its “**Pay Your Age**” package for young adults age 18 to 35. This subscription offer includes four tickets to be used to any of our full orchestra concerts for just the cost of the purchaser’s age. It’s priced to entice and give maximum flexibility to young professional classical music lovers. Some restrictions, which are outlined on our website, do apply.

Single tickets are also available now for all performances.

Hear Maestro Hughes speak about the season in our video introduction: <https://youtu.be/0L6ESJTzuv8>

THE 2018–2019 65th ANNIVERSARY SEASON: SYMPHONIC TRIUMPHS

All concerts at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Pre-concert talks offered at 6:45 p.m. before most evening concerts. Visit our website for venue information.

The Arapahoe Philharmonic is grateful for its season sponsors: Scientific and Cultural Facilities District and Colorado Creative Industries.

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Maurice Ravel: *Daphnis and Chloe* Suite No. 2

Charles Ives: *Decoration Day*

Robert Schumann: Symphony No. 3 (Rhenish)

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Dmitri Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5

Ludwig van Beethoven: *Leonore* Overture No. 3

Sarah Kirkland Snider: *Something for the Dark*

Silent auction at 6:30 p.m.

Children’s Discovery Concert

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 (10:00 a.m.)

Sergei Prokofiev: *Peter and the Wolf*

Camille Saint-Saëns: *Carnival of the Animals*

Not part of the subscription package. All tickets \$5.

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov: *Christmas Eve Suite*

Ottorino Respighi: *Trittico Botticelliano*

Leroy Anderson: *Sleigh Ride*

Commissions by Jonathan Bingham, Elizabeth Comninellis and Edgar Girtain

Saturday, February 16, 2019

“Night at the Movies”

Erich Wolfgang Korngold: Violin Concerto

Charles Wetherbee, violin soloist

Paul Dukas: *The Sorcerer’s Apprentice*

John Powell: *How to Train Your Dragon*

Arlen, arr. Sayre: Medley from *The Wizard of Oz*
Austin Wintory, arr. LaGuardia: *Banner Saga*
John Williams: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

AP Sinfonietta and the Cherry Creek Chorale

Friday, March 8, 2019

Saturday, March 9, 2019

John Rutter: Requiem
Antonio Vivaldi: Gloria
Georg Philipp Telemann: Trumpet Concerto in D
 Anthony Zator, trumpet soloist
Samuel Barber: *Adagio for Strings*

Not part of the subscription package.

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Béla Bartók: *Concerto for Orchestra*
Arturo Márquez: Danzón No. 2
Winner of the 2018–2019 T. Gordon Parks Concerto Competition

Family Concert

Saturday, April 6, 2019 (morning)

“Out of This World”

Selections from Gustav Holst’s *The Planets*, John Williams’ *Superman March*, and music from *Star Wars*, *Star Trek* and *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*

Not part of the subscription package.

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Gustav Mahler: Symphony No. 5
Winner of the 2018–2019 Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Composition Competition

Download the 2018–2019 Season Brochure: <https://www.arapahoe-phil.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/18-19-Season-Brochure.pdf>

About the Arapahoe Philharmonic

Founded in 1953, the Arapahoe Philharmonic is among the longest established musical resources in Colorado. The organization is dedicated to engaging, enriching and inspiring our community through musical performance, education and outreach. 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 Discovery Concert, sponsoring outreach to schools, working with area student honor orchestras, sponsoring a Play-In side-by-side event for high school students and presenting three collegiate-level competitions, the T. Gordon Parks Concerto Competition and the Vincent C. LaGuardia, Jr. Conducting and Composition Competitions. New initiatives this year include a Family Concert and music therapy-inspired programs for individuals with developmental disabilities and dementia.

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 was recently named the Mattie Kelly Distinguished Chair in Music and Conductor for the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra in Niceville, FL. He 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 also 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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