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Hello Music Teachers, Classroom Teachers, and Parents:

On **Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.**, over 1000 students and teachers will arrive at the Arapahoe Philharmonic's Children's Discovery Concert to experience a special performance just for them. This year's program features two beloved, classic works: **Sergei Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* and Camille Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals*!**

The concert will be held at **Denver First Church of the Nazarene**, 3800 E. Hampden Avenue, Cherry Hills Village 80113, located near the intersection of Hampden Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. The church's sanctuary can seat 2,700 attendees, and while that is a very large space to fill, we see it as an opportunity! We're hoping to accommodate more schools than ever before. We also want to put forth an invitation to your student families. This performance could be a wonderful chance for parents and grandparents to join their children for a cultural field trip! It will be up to individual schools as to whether they wish to open registration to parents and grandparents, but know that it is an option if you'd like to share this as an opportunity for family engagement.

Schools and educational groups will receive priority, reserved seating as in previous years. We request that schools please use the attached reservation form to request the necessary seating for your group. This may include parents and grandparents if you choose to offer that option. Tickets will also be offered to Arapahoe Philharmonic patrons and the public, but reserved seating will only be available for the school group reservations. Parents can purchase their own tickets online, though they would not be seated with your school group. **If you want your parents to sit with your group, please include them on your reservation form.**

The morning will begin at 9:30 a.m. with orchestral instrument demonstrations. Once your students are checked in and seated, they will be greeted by adult orchestra players who will tell the students about their instruments and demonstrate how to play them. Some AP members may even allow the students to try out the instruments themselves! Students will also be able to visit the percussion section and learn how to conduct.

As the concert begins, students will be 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 the music with hands-on activities to Language Arts, Social Studies, Art and Biology. The students will be thoroughly engaged by the narrator who tells the story of *Peter and the Wolf* and Ogden Nash's poetry about the animals. The concert is geared toward students in grades 3 through 5, though the program is sure to be enjoyed by slightly younger and older students as well.

The Arapahoe Philharmonic has a deep commitment to music education, and educating our children and youth is an integral part of our mission. 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 south Denver metro area. Join us for a great morning of education and music!

See the attached reservation form for additional details. **Seating is assigned in order of reservation receipt and payment.** We look forward to having you with us on November 14<sup>th</sup>!

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