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Music of Ravel, Ives and Schumann Open the Arapahoe Philharmonic's 65th Anniversary Season

Littleton, CO – The Arapahoe Philharmonic (AP) celebrates the start of its 65th anniversary season, *Symphonic Triumphs*, with a program of varied works by Maurice Ravel, Charles Ives and Robert Schumann on **Saturday, September 29, 2018, at Denver First Church of the Nazarene**, 3800 E. Hampden Avenue, Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., and is preceded by a talk with Music Director Devin Patrick Hughes at 6:45 p.m. and a Classic Children's Corner for kids of all ages at 7:10 p.m.

The program will begin with Schumann's spirited *Rhenish Symphony*. His inspiration was an enjoyable trip to the Rhineland with his wife Clara, evoking the beautiful sights along the banks and rustic dances of the region.

The second half of the program features two selections composed just years apart that could not be more different in style. American composer Charles Ives completed his four-movement *A Symphony: New England Holidays* in 1913. The AP will perform the second movement, *Decoration Day*, which was inspired by Ives hearing his father's marching band play in an annual Decoration Day tribute. If you listen closely, you can hear parts of several recognizable band tunes of the time.

The concert will close with the Second Suite from Ravel's ballet *Daphnis and Chloé*. Premiered in 1912, just a year after the completion of *Decoration Day*, *Daphnis and Chloé* is on the opposite end of the musical spectrum and representative of the impressionist movement that lasted into the early 20th century. The work is considered by many to be some of Ravel's best writing, even being hailed as a "masterpiece for orchestra."

Single tickets and 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 that can be used to attend 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 classical music lovers. Some restrictions, which are outlined on our website, do apply.

Hear Maestro Hughes speak about the season in our video introduction of this season opening concert:
<https://youtu.be/GADVfZGBa2E>

THE 2018–2019 65th ANNIVERSARY SEASON: SYMPHONIC TRIUMPHS

Concert 1: Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Charles Ives: *Decoration Day*

Robert Schumann: Symphony No. 3 (*Rhenish*)

Denver First Church of the Nazarene, 3800 E. Hampden Avenue, Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

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

Download the full 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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