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Arapahoe Philharmonic and Doctor Noize present
“Family Concert: Wild Kingdom”

The concert is made possible by the City of Greenwood Village’s Cultural Arts Department

Littleton, CO – The Arapahoe Philharmonic (AP), under the direction of Music Director and Conductor Devin Patrick Hughes, will present its second annual Family Concert in collaboration with the City of Greenwood Village’s Cultural Arts Department on **Saturday, February 22, 2020**. This special program is designed for kids and entertaining for all ages. The orchestra will perform selections from Camille Saint-Saëns’ *Carnival of the Animals* and Prokofiev’s *Peter and the Wolf*, Leroy Anderson’s *The Waltzing Cat*, the Finale from Stravinsky’s *Firebird*, Rimsky-Korsakov’s *Flight of the Bumble Bee* and more. Maestro Hughes and children’s entertainer Doctor Noize will create a morning filled with fun, imagination and music!

The concert begins at 10:00 a.m. Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to make animal masks and experience an orchestral instrument petting zoo. Aspen Academy, 5859 S. University Blvd., Greenwood Village, CO 80121, is hosting the performance. Doors will open at 9:15 a.m. Tickets may be purchased online in advance at [https://www.arapahoe-phil.org/event/family-concert/](https://www.arapahoe-phil.org/event/family-concert/) or at the door the morning of the event.

Maestro Hughes and Dr. Noize have created a video invitation for the Family Concert: [https://youtu.be/fILBRz_rGww](https://youtu.be/fILBRz_rGww)

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**About the Arapahoe Philharmonic**
The Arapahoe Philharmonic has served as a musical and cultural resource to the South Metro Denver community for over 65 years. 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. Recent initiatives 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 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.

About Doctor Noize
Cory Cullinan - a/k/a Doctor Noize - graduated with Distinction and Honors in Music and Political Science from Stanford University. After the birth of his two action/adventure superhero daughters, Sidney and Riley, Cullinan's passion became creating engaging works for the minds of young adventurers. He released The Ballad of Phineas McBoof, his first recording under the guise of his alter ego, Doctor Noize. Within two months, it had spawned a national #1 hit song Banana on Sirius XM Kids Radio and scored awards ranging from a Parents Choice Award to being named one of Dr. Toy’s 100 Best Children’s Products. Doctor Noize began playing live performances, engaging enthusiastic audiences of kids and adults nationwide with his innovative Solo Show approach inspiring audiences to participate in the creative process. He cheerfully arranges, plays and loop-records multiple instruments and vocals live, inviting audience members to join him onstage and contribute their own talents.

In 2019 Cullinan was elected by his peers in the recording industry to the Board of Governors of the Recording Academy, the organization best known for running the Grammys. He also accepted an offer to join the Recording Arts faculty at the College of Arts & Media at the University of Colorado, Denver, where he teaches undergraduates. Ever curious and dedicated to self-improvement - an essential quality of a great teacher - Cullinan is also now pursuing a Master of Science in Recording Arts at the very school where he's teaching. Learn more at http://www.doctornoize.com/.

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