

the colorado symphony



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**COLORADO SYMPHONY BOARD APPOINTS JIM COPENHAVER
INTERIM PRESIDENT AND CEO**

DENVER—October 12, 2011 – The Colorado Symphony Board of Trustees announced today that it has appointed Jim Copenhaver as the association’s Interim President and CEO, replacing James Palermo.

Jim Copenhaver served as past Executive Director to the Colorado Symphony and is a Senior Partner with JC Enterprises, a management consulting firm. He recently served as Interim President/CEO of the Association of Performing Arts Presenters in Washington, DC.

Over the next two months, the CSA board, under the leadership of newly elected co-chairs, Jerome Kern and Mary Rossick Kern, are working diligently with the staff and musicians to revise the existing budget and create a financially maintainable business model.

“Our primary objective is to evolve the business model of the organization to better match today’s economic climate. Our community deserves a great orchestra and it is our responsibility to preserve this treasure for this generation and future generations,” says board co-chair, Jerome Kern. “We encourage people to take advantage of the opportunity to hear wonderful music performed by an outstandingly talented orchestra over the next few months and throughout the new year.”

The Colorado Symphony performs this weekend (Friday-Sunday) under the direction of Peter Oundjian and features renowned violinist, Robert McDuffie. The program includes Beethoven’s inspirational 7th Symphony. A revised concert schedule is in place for the balance of October and November. The original concert schedule for the 2011-2012 season will resume on December 5. For more information and to purchase concert tickets, visit www.coloradosymphony.org.

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About the Colorado Symphony

The state’s only full-time professional orchestra, the Colorado Symphony embraces a tradition of musical excellence by presenting a diverse array of symphonic performances throughout the year. Originally established in 1989 as the successor to the Denver Symphony, the Colorado Symphony performs in Boettcher Concert Hall and throughout the Front Range, presenting outstanding education and outreach programs, as well as Masterworks, Pops, Holiday, Family, and the exciting new *Inside the Score* and *Symphony on the Rocks* series that have attracted a historic level of first-time concertgoers. By

presenting music that is both timeless and inspiring, while taking risks with new musical collaborations and interactive concerts, the Colorado Symphony is attracting more diverse and younger audiences than ever before. The increasing popularity of Colorado Symphony concerts as well as a strong fund-raising base not only re-affirms the artistic excellence of the orchestra, but also reflects the Symphony's relevance to its Colorado community and deep-rooted enthusiasm for symphonic music felt by so many individuals across the region. For more information about the Colorado Symphony, visit www.coloradosymphony.org.

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