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**COLORADO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES ENTIRE 2017/18 CONCERT SCHEDULE FOR BRETT MITCHELL'S  
DEBUT SEASON AS MUSIC DIRECTOR WITH SPECIAL CONCERT BY YO-YO MA**

**Subscription Packages On Sale Mar. 1; Single Tickets Go On Sale Aug. 1**

Mar. 1, 2017 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony announces its full 2017/18 Concert Season schedule taking place at downtown Denver's Boettcher Concert Hall. This historic season features renowned guest artists and some of the world's most revered symphonic works as the Colorado Symphony celebrates Brett Mitchell's debut as Music Director. Notably, world-famous cellist Yo-Yo Ma will perform with Mitchell and the Symphony on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.

Mitchell will conduct the Colorado Symphony with Mr. Ma in December, with famed soprano Renée Fleming on Sep. 9, 2017, and will open the Classics series (formerly "Masterworks") with an Opening Weekend on Sep. 15 – 17, 2017, featuring Beethoven's revered Symphony No. 5 and works by living composers Kevin Puts and symphonic-electronica artist Mason Bates.

"For our first season together, I wanted to celebrate what makes the Colorado Symphony absolutely unique among orchestras: an extraordinarily wide variety of concerts that feature a compelling blend of old and new, all performed by some of the finest musicians in the country," says Music Director Designate Brett Mitchell, who assumes the role of Music Director on Jul. 1, 2017. "Of course, we're thrilled to welcome such special guests as Yo-Yo Ma and Renée Fleming, but I'm every bit as excited to showcase my incredible colleagues that make up the Colorado Symphony as we share the stage together all season long. I couldn't be happier to begin this next chapter in the Colorado Symphony story!"

"With Brett coming onboard, this is a huge year that deserves huge names," says Chief Artistic Officer Anthony Pierce. "Other exciting changes are happening this season, too. We're breathing new life into some of our programming, including a totally revamped concert-plus-talk-through series called LISTEN/HEAR. It's essentially a performance threaded with narratives, taking the audience through the eras of symphonic music from Baroque to today's composers."

Subscription tickets for the 2017/18 Season, which are pre-set packages based on concert series, go on sale today, Mar. 1, 2017. Flex Passes are also on sale as of Mar. 1, which offer (6) ticket vouchers guests can use for best-available seats to any concert in the season, redeemable one week before the selected concert.

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Single tickets to all concerts go on sale Aug. 1, 2017, with a separate announcement to precede the date. For concert descriptions and ticket information, please visit [coloradosymphony.org/tickets](http://coloradosymphony.org/tickets) or call the box office at 303.623.7876.

Note the Dec. 10, 2017, Yo-Yo Ma concert is not included in ticket packages and will only be for sale as single tickets, available Aug. 1, 2017. For presale information, visit [coloradosymphony.org](http://coloradosymphony.org).

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#### **TICKETS:**

Tickets are available online at [coloradosymphony.org/tickets](http://coloradosymphony.org/tickets), by phone at 303.623.7876, and in person at the Boettcher Concert Hall Box Office, Denver Performing Arts Complex, 1000 14th Street. The Box Office is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon - 6 p.m.; and two hours prior to each performance.

#### **ABOUT THE COLORADO SYMPHONY**

One of the leading orchestras in the United States, the Colorado Symphony performs more than 150 concerts annually at Boettcher Concert Hall in downtown Denver and across Colorado. Led by Music Director Designate Brett Mitchell, the Colorado Symphony is home to eighty full-time musicians, representing more than a dozen nations, and regularly welcomes the most celebrated artists from the world of symphonic music and beyond. Every season, the Colorado Symphony serves more than 250,000 people from all walks of life, performing a range of musical styles, from traditional to contemporary. Recognized as an incubator of innovation, creativity, and excellence, the Colorado Symphony continually expands its reach through education, outreach, and programming. The Colorado Symphony partners with the state's leading musical artists, cultural organizations, corporations, foundations, sports teams,

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