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**COLORADO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES 2019/20 SEASON INCLUDING  
SPECIAL EVENTS FEATURING RENÉE FLEMING AND KRISTIN CHENOWETH**

*Subscription Packages On Sale March 1; Single Tickets go On Sale August 1*

Mar. 1, 2019 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony announces its 2019/20 Season taking place at downtown Denver's Boettcher Concert Hall. This remarkable season is overflowing with incredible programming, renowned guest artists, and revered symphonic works, featuring 49 titles and 92 total events to-date. Brett Mitchell's third season as music director offers numerous reasons to celebrate including the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Colorado Symphony Chorus, Yumi Hwang-Williams' 20<sup>th</sup> season as Concertmaster, and Beethoven's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2020.

Superstar soprano Renée Fleming highlights the season in her return to the Colorado Symphony with baritone Rod Gilfry for the Colorado premiere of Kevin Puts' *The Brightness of Light* November 15 and 17. Another amazing soprano — Emmy®- and Tony-Award® winner Kristin Chenoweth — joins the orchestra for an incredible evening of Broadway hits on September 14.

Mitchell will kick-off the 2019/20 Classics calendar and commemorate Yumi Hwang-Williams' 20<sup>th</sup> season as Concertmaster with an Opening Weekend performance of Mendelssohn's revered Violin Concerto September 20-22.

"For our third season together, the Colorado Symphony and I are thrilled to present a captivating slate of music from a diverse and talented roster of composers, featuring a blend of old and new, all performed by a collection of some of the finest musicians in the world," said Music Director Brett Mitchell. "What a thrill to welcome back musical icon Renée Fleming for a two-performance weekend at Boettcher Concert Hall. But I'm every bit as excited to showcase the incredible musicians that make up the Colorado Symphony as we share the stage together all season long. Our 2019/20 Season promises to be a spectacular journey through some of the most extraordinary music ever composed, and we can't wait to share it with you."

Additional highlights of the season include a yearlong 2020 celebration of Beethoven's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday with Brett Mitchell conducting the monumental *Missa Solemnis* and a season-ending performance of Beethoven's groundbreaking Third Symphony, the "Eroica". The Colorado Symphony Chorus will also commemorate their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a performance of Verdi's *Requiem*, a piece they first performed during their debut in 1984. In addition, the Colorado Symphony will perform the scores of *Fantasia*, *The Goonies*, *Love Actually*, and *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™* Part 1 while screening the movies live and will pay tribute to such pop icons as Aretha Franklin and Ella Fitzgerald.

"We're looking forward to building on the success of Brett's first two seasons with some spectacular programs for the 2019/20 Season," said Chief Artistic Officer Anthony Pierce. "The Colorado Symphony

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prides itself on presenting eclectic programming year after year so there's always something for everyone. Whether it's our Classics concerts, Arrow Symphony Pops, Movie at the Symphony concerts, or a performance from our Macy's Inc. Family Package — it's thrilling entertainment for fans of all ages."

Subscription tickets for the 2019/20 Season, which are pre-set packages based on concert series, go on sale today, Mar. 1, 2019. 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.

Single tickets to all concerts go on sale Aug. 1, 2019, 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.

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#### **TICKETS:**

Tickets to Colorado Symphony events 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 Association is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization performing more than 150 concerts annually at Boettcher Concert Hall in downtown Denver and across Colorado. Led by Music Director 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. In the last year, the Colorado Symphony served nearly 233,000 people attending live performances at concert and non-traditional venues throughout Colorado's Front Range. In addition, over 265,000 people listen to the Colorado Symphony through Colorado Public Radio's live broadcasts of classical content featuring concert recordings, in-studio performances of individual musicians and small ensembles, and live

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streaming of interviews and performances with artists. 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, and individuals to expose diverse audiences to the transformative power of music. To learn more, visit [coloradosymphony.org](http://coloradosymphony.org).

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