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ANNOUNCING BEN FOLDS "IN ACTUAL PERSON LIVE FOR REAL TOUR" WITH YOUR COLORADO SYMPHONY

Ben Folds returns to Boettcher Concert Hall on April 23, 2022

Dec. 13, 2021 – Denver, CO – Announcing Ben Folds "In Actual Person Live For Real Tour" with your Colorado Symphony at Boettcher Concert Hall on April 23, 2022. The performance is a continuation of his "In Actual Person Live For Real Tour" of US solo piano and orchestral performances for 2022. Folds, who spent much of 2020 and early 2021 in isolation in Australia because of COVID-19 lockdowns, returned to US stages in the Fall of 2021 to numerous sold-out performances.

In addition to a return to performing live in 2022, Folds has also begun work on a new album, continues to produce his podcast series called <u>Lightning Bugs: Conversations with Ben Folds</u>, and is preparing for the launch of a new TV series.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public at 10am on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. For tickets and more information, please contact the Colorado Symphony Box Office at 303.623.7876. For complete details on upcoming show dates, please visit www.benfolds.com/tour-dates.

ABOUT BEN FOLDS:

Ben Folds is widely regarded as one of the major music influencers of our generation.

He's created an enormous body of genre-bending music that includes pop albums with Ben Folds Five, multiple solo albums, and numerous collaborative records. His last album was a blend of pop songs and his Concerto for Piano and Orchestra that soared to #1 on both the Billboard classical and classical crossover charts.

For over a decade he's performed with some of the world's greatest symphony orchestras, and currently serves as the first ever Artistic Advisor to the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center.

In addition to solo rock and orchestral touring, Folds released his first book – a collection of interrelated essays, anecdotes and lessons about art, life and music - in 2019, which debuted as a New York Times Best Seller, and is currently hosting a podcast series spinoff of his book entitled "Lightning Bugs: Conversations with Ben Folds."

An avid photographer, Folds is also a member of the prestigious Sony Artisans of Imagery, has worked as an assignment photo editor for National Geographic, and was featured in a mini-documentary by the Kennedy Center's Digital Project on his photographic work.

An outspoken champion for arts education and music therapy funding in our nation's public schools, has served for over five years as an active member of the distinguished Artist Committee of Americans For The



Arts (AFTA), and serves on the Board of AFTA's Arts Action Fund. He also served as Chairman of the Arts Action Fund's ArtsVote2020 national initiative that encouraged voter engagement in the 2020 US elections, and continually advocates for improving public policies for the arts and arts education.

EVENT INFORMATION:

What: Ben Folds "In Actual Person Live For Real Tour" with your Colorado Symphony

Where: Boettcher Concert Hall When: Saturday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: On Sale Wednesday, December 15, 2021

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TICKETS:

Tickets to Colorado Symphony events are available online at <u>coloradosymphony.org/tickets</u> or by phone at 303.623.7876. The Box Office is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

ABOUT THE COLORADO SYMPHONY

The Colorado Symphony Association is the region's only full-time professional orchestra committed to artistic excellence and ensuring the future of live, symphonic music. Performing over 150 concerts annually at Boettcher Concert Hall in downtown Denver and across Colorado, your Colorado Symphony is home to eighty full-time musicians, representing more than a dozen nations, and regularly welcomes the most celebrated artists from all genres of music. During the COVID-19 health pandemic, we worked to safely produce over 50 concerts with and without audiences, including: 18 Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre performances, two large scale virtual community benefit concerts, and dozens of small ensemble concerts performed in numerous outdoor venues like the Denver Performing Arts Complex Galleria, Denver Zoo, and Denver Botanic Gardens. Virtual #PlayOn campaigns garnered 2 million views between our Virtual Music Hour, Weekly Replay, From Home Concerts, and MusiCurious Instrument Interviews. Recognized as an incubator of innovation, creativity, and excellence, your Colorado Symphony continually expands its impact through education, outreach, and programming. We partner with the state's leading musical artists, cultural organizations, corporations, foundations, sports teams, and individuals to expose diverse audiences to the power of symphonic orchestral music.