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**COLORADO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES 25TH COLORADO SYMPHONY BALL
RHAPSODYROCK AT DENVER'S HISTORIC FILLMORE AUDITORIUM**

Jan. 8, 2018 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony announces the 25th Colorado Symphony Ball, themed *RhapsodyRock*, to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at Denver's historic Fillmore Auditorium. The Colorado Symphony is honored to welcome Ms. Amy Harmon, Ms. Diane Nagler, and Ms. Stephanie Donner as event co-chairs, and Governor John Hickenlooper, First Lady Robin Pringle Hickenlooper, Mayor Michael B. Hancock, and First Lady Mary Louise Lee as honorary co-chairs for the Silver Anniversary celebration.

Local rock band, The Merger, co-founded by Liberty Global President and CEO Mike Fries, will rock the Fillmore along with the Colorado Symphony's full orchestra. Fries, along with guitarist Bryant Martin and drummer Bob Deibel have been performing on behalf of many local charities throughout Denver for over seven years as founders of The Moderators. Renowned pianist Natasha Paremski will also perform George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* as part of the evening's festivities.

Masters of Ceremonies for the evening will be 9 News' own Kyle Clark and Christine Noël. The event will include a cocktail hour, silent and live auction, dinner, concert, dancing, and the presentation of the Margaret Phipps Award. The prestigious Margaret Phipps Award, established in 1993, recognizes outstanding contributions and service to the Colorado Symphony and the arts community. This year's recipient is United Airlines and a highlight of the evening will be the symphony's performance of the airline's trademark theme, George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

"Bringing together over 800 philanthropic guests, fantastic music, and a packed dance floor, the Colorado Symphony Ball is the best party in town," says Jerry Kern, CEO & Co-Chair, Board of Trustees. "This event is vital to the Symphony's annual fundraising efforts as last year's event raised over \$1 million in contributed funds, helping to make all of this season's programming, community engagement, and education initiatives possible."

"*RhapsodyRock*" will be the organization's largest fundraising event of the year. Funds raised by the Ball support the operations and education programs of the Colorado Symphony, the largest and only full-time orchestra in Colorado.

For sponsorship opportunities or to purchase a table, visit coloradosymphony.org/events/symphony-ball or contact Sean Baker at sbaker@coloradosymphony.org.



EVENT INFORMATION:

Colorado Symphony Ball 2018: "*RhapsodyRock*"

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Fillmore Auditorium - 1510 Clarkson St., Denver, CO 80218

For more information, visit: coloradosymphony.org/events/symphony-ball

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TICKETS:

Tickets are available online at 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 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 300,000 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, and individuals to expose diverse audiences to the transformative power of music. To learn more, visit coloradosymphony.org.