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**ANNOUNCING INDEPENDENCE EVE WITH THE COLORADO SYMPHONY
AT CIVIC CENTER PARK**

The annual celebration is back in-person after a two-year hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic

Jun. 14, 2022 – The Colorado Symphony and Civic Center Conservancy are excited to announce Independence Eve is returning to Civic Center Park on Sunday, July 3, 2022, for the first time in two years. Gates will open at 4 p.m. for this FREE, family-friendly event. Produced by the Civic Center Conservancy, your Colorado Symphony will perform a celebration of America with the "Armed Forces Salute," "Stars and Stripes Forever," "The 1812 Overture," "God Bless America," and a slew of your favorite hits from stage and screen.

Since the first Independence Eve Celebration in 2010, thousands of people have gathered in Civic Center Park to celebrate country, culture and community – and this year, host and producer of the event Civic Center Conservancy along with partner the City and County of Denver, welcome the community back to downtown Denver for a memorable celebration.

"The Colorado Symphony has provided the soundtrack for Denver Independence Day celebrations for nearly 100 years," said Anthony Pierce, Colorado Symphony Chief Artistic Officer. "The return of this revered in-person event is sure to be the highlight of the summer for families and friends across the state and we're thrilled to be part of this incredible spectacle once again."

"We are thrilled to welcome Denverites and visitors back to downtown for this annual event that showcases one of our city's most valued resources, Civic Center Park," said Eric Lazzari, executive director of Civic Center Conservancy. "One of our core values is to keep the park active and thriving for all, and this event is a shining example of this commitment. As a result of our partnerships with the City and County of Denver and VISIT DENVER, we aim to ensure a seamless return to the park and contribute to the revitalization of the downtown neighborhood after two years of virtual celebrations."

New this year, the park will be fenced to ensure the safety of attendees and individuals will be subject to a security screening at all designated event entrances. Also new this year outside beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will not be permitted; however, outside food will be allowed as will small coolers and bags.

Live music by Dragondeer and other local musicians will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the main performance by the Colorado Symphony at 8:15 p.m., and the annual and beloved fireworks show will



close out the night from the roof of the City and County Building starting no later than 9:30 p.m. Food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the night from local food truck vendors and beverage stations throughout the event.

“Independence Eve is the ideal moment for our community to come together and celebrate the revitalization of our city as we continue to move Denver forward following the worst of the pandemic,” said Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock. “Gathering in the heart of downtown on July 3 will once again allow us to showcase the incredible asset we have in Civic Center Park, a place where community truly comes to life.”

Hosted and produced by Civic Center Conservancy, Independence Eve sponsors and partners include: CBS4 (media partner), City and County of Denver, the Colorado Symphony (entertainment partner), Pepsi, VISIT DENVER and Westword (print and promotional partner).

To see the full event lineup and details including entry rules, visit independeneeve.com and to learn more about Civic Center Conservancy, visit civiccenterpark.org.

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TICKETS:

Tickets to Colorado Symphony events 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 CIVIC CENTER CONSERVANCY

Civic Center Conservancy is an independent nonprofit dedicated to keeping Denver’s Civic Center Park active and thriving for all. The Conservancy attracts people to the park, supports the park’s upkeep and ensures it meets the needs of anyone who gathers there for today and for the future. Learn more about our work, support our mission and explore our calendar of events at www.civiccenterpark.org.

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 Principal Conductor Peter Oundjian, 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. Recognized as an incubator of innovation, creativity, and excellence, the Colorado Symphony continually expands its reach through in-person and virtual education programs, 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.