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**COLORADO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TRIBUTE:
SACRIFICE FOR JUSTICE**

Dec. 19, 2017 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony announces the return of their annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute concert: Sacrifice for Justice. This year's performance, which will take place on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Boettcher Concert Hall, comes during the 50th Anniversary year of Dr. King's assassination. It will feature guest performances by Michael Chipman, Stephanie Hancock and Rajdulari.

During the ceremony, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission will honor six recipients of the 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award.

Known as the most prominent spokesperson and leader in the American Civil Rights Movement, MLK remains one of the most inspirational figures in history for his pursuit of equal rights and his nonviolent approach to civil rights protests.

Among his many accomplishments, King, Jr. led the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott, founded and served as the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, helped to organize the nonviolent protests in Birmingham, Alabama, the Selma to Montgomery marches and the 1963 March on Washington where he famously delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. He also received the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality.

The festivities kick off at 6:00 p.m. with the concert scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission for the performance is free but a ticket is required for admission. Tickets will be available, in person, at the Boettcher Concert Hall Box Office beginning two weeks prior to the event. All seating will be general admission.

EVENT INFORMATION:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute: Sacrifice for Justice

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Boettcher Concert Hall – 1000 14th St. No. 15, Denver, CO 80204

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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 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COLORADO HOLIDAY COMMISSION

The purpose of the Statewide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission is to unify and educate communities within the State of Colorado and encourage appropriate observations, ceremonies and activities in commemoration of the federal holiday and state legal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. throughout all the towns, cities, school districts, counties and local governments within Colorado.

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 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, and individuals to expose diverse audiences to the transformative power of music. To learn more, visit coloradosymphony.org.