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# ANNOUNCING MARY-MITCHELL CAMPBELL'S YOUTH VOCAL COMPETITION

Winner will perform at Boettcher Concert Hall with the Colorado Symphony during the Tribute to Stephen Sondheim on September 23 and 24, 2022

Jun. 28, 2022 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony announces the opening of Mary-Mitchell Campbell's Youth Vocal Competition. Applicants are encouraged to record themselves singing their favorite Stephen Sondheim tune and submit using the <u>form here</u>. As part of the Colorado Symphony's Imagination Artist Series, the winner of the competition will perform live with the Colorado Symphony at Boettcher Concert Hall during Mary-Mitchell Campbell's <u>Tribute to Stephen Sondheim on September</u> <u>23 and 24</u>. They will also receive free tickets to the performance as well as two (2) Imagination Artist 6-Packs for the 2022/23 Season.

## **Rules & Requirements**

Contestants must:

- Be a resident of Colorado between the ages of 15 and 25.
- Submit one video of themselves singing a Stephen Sondheim song by July 31, 2022. More details below. Please Note: The actual song performed at the concert may differ from what contestants submit but will be mutually agreed upon with the winner.
- Be able to transport themselves to/from rehearsals and performances.
- Rehearsal 1: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 7:00 9:30 PM
- Rehearsal 2: Thursday, September 22, 2022 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
- Rehearsal 3: Thursday, September 22, 2022 7:00 9:30 PM
- Performance 1: Friday, September 23, 2022 at 7:30 PM
- Performance 2: Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 7:30 PM

The winner will be announced by August 12, 2022 and contacted by phone and/or e-mail. A formal announcement will follow once details and repertoire have been confirmed with the winner.

## How to Enter

- 1. Complete this form by July 31, 2022.
- 2. Upload one (1) video to Dropbox of yourself singing a Stephen Sondheim song.
  - Acceptable file types are .mp4 or .mov and the max file size is 50GB.

## ABOUT THE CONCERTS:



The Colorado Symphony's Imagination Series begins with a Tribute to Stephen Sondheim, celebrating one the most important figures in 20th-century musical theater. From the mind of Mary-Mitchell Campbell, the Music Director behind numerous Broadway shows including *Mean Girls, The Prom, My Love Letter to Broadway* with Kristin Chenoweth, *Tuck Everlasting, Sweeney Todd*, and more, this program will feature some of Sondheim's greatest works from Broadway hits like *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Company, Follies, A Little Night Music, Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, Sunday in the Park with George*, and *Into the Woods*.

"I had the honor of music directing Stephen Sondheim's last musical, *Road Show*, at the Public Theater and have such an appreciation for his entire incredible catalogue. Without question, he was one of the most important figures in twentieth-century musical theater, someone who reinvented the American musical with shows that went far beyond the genre's traditional subjects and themes while writing music and lyrics of unmatched complexity and sophistication. Many of his shows addressed darker, more harrowing elements of the human experience, with songs often tinged with doubt and conflict about various aspects of life. Our Broadway community and the entire world was so saddened by the loss of this musical giant last year, but his music will continue to live on and I'm so looking forward to celebrating him and many of his most beloved compositions alongside the Colorado Symphony in September."

Tickets for the Tribute to Stephen Sondheim are <u>available now</u> as part of a 2-pack along with the Brahms Requiem with Peter Oundjian. For additional concert descriptions and ticket information, please visit <u>coloradosymphony.org/tickets</u> or call the box office at 303.623.7876.

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## CONTACTS:

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#### TICKETS:

Tickets to Colorado Symphony events are available online at <u>coloradosymphony.org/tickets</u>, 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. - 5 p.m., Saturday, noon – 5 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-forprofit 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.