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COLORADO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES 2022/23 YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Students will enjoy access to live and virtual performances, distinct program options across grades K-12, bilingual programming, and 14 youth concerts at Boettcher Concert Hall from October - March

Aug. 2, 2022 – Denver, CO – Announcing the Colorado Symphony’s 2022/23 MusiCurious Youth Education Programs featuring virtual and in-person performances, bilingual programming, and a yearlong focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion, highlighted by the “Lift Every Voice” (LEV) Youth Concert series.

LEV, which debuted virtually in 2020, provides classrooms across Colorado with an invaluable cultural experience, offering students the opportunity to hear world-class symphonic music with a theme that inspires a message of unity and creative self-expression while celebrating our common human spirit. The series of 14 live performances from October 19-March 14 will feature diverse repertoire and collaborations with guest artists including composer Omar Thomas, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, Fiesta Colorado Dance Company, spoken word poet Frankie Le’Troy, and visual artist Javier Flores. Classes will have the opportunity to experience this program live at Boettcher Concert Hall and virtually through a free virtual education package.

Included in the LEV Youth Concert experience is a curriculum packet containing three lesson plans meeting state and federal standards with scaffolded instruction that emphasize student expression, an online resource folder containing auxiliary material including original composer biographies, worksheets, PowerPoints, and collaborator videos, and professional development opportunities for teachers. This interactive curriculum is designed to spark creative self-expression, inspiring students to find their voice through music and the arts while providing opportunities for them to see art as an inclusive space for them to express themselves.

“In developing this youth concert experience, our goal was to feature diverse repertoire and collaborations with local talented artists, allowing students to see, hear, and experience musicians and artists that reflect the diversity of our community” said Anthony Pierce, Chief Artistic Officer. “The Colorado Symphony is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusivity and we are thrilled to share the joy of music with students in Colorado virtually and in person this year.”

The 2022/23 MusiCurious Season will also see the return of other beloved programs including:

Petite Musique

A Colorado Symphony 17-piece orchestra visits multiple venues in the metro area each year, performing programs specially designed for children ages 0 to 7 years old. This year’s theme is Peter Rabbit and will



be performed in English and Spanish. This program will also be available virtually along with a digital storybook.

Sensory Friendly

The Colorado Symphony believes strongly in access and inclusion. That's why our Sensory Friendly concerts are designed for people with conditions that might cause them to feel uncomfortable or unwelcome at concerts. These relaxed performances are designed to be shared experiences with family members and caregivers. This year features collaborations with the Denver Young Artists Orchestra and Colorado Conservatory of Dance. Our Holiday Sensory Friendly concert will be available virtually along with an activity book for the 2022/23 season.

Canta y Baila Conmigo

Our Canta y Baila Conmigo concerts are an interactive and bilingual concert experience that features the musical traditions of Spanish-speaking countries in a language immersion experience. The concert experience is an extension of the Spanish language and culture classroom program that promotes music development and Spanish acquisition. The concert experience will be available virtually.

Master Mentors

Students will have the opportunity to work with an actual Colorado Symphony musician. Whether it be instrument demonstrations, coaching for band/orchestra/mariachi students, or advising students interested in pursuing a career in performing arts, the Colorado Symphony is here to support in-classroom learning. This program will also be available virtually for the 2022/23 Season.

Open Rehearsals

Classes can experience one of seven Colorado Symphony rehearsals as they prepare for an upcoming concert. This program offers an opportunity to observe the orchestra at work and will be especially engaging for middle and high school band or orchestra students.

For a complete list of Colorado Symphony MusiCurious Youth Education programs, [click here](#).

"The Colorado Symphony is committed to educating the next generation of musicians and making music accessible to everyone," added Pierce. "This organization and our musicians believe strongly in the transformative power of music and we're so grateful to the many generous donors and foundations who make these education programs possible."

Colorado Symphony Education programs are brought to you through the generous support of donors and foundations including SCFD, the Scientific & Cultural Collaborative, Bowen Family Performing Arts Fund, Genesee Mountain Foundation, Schramm Foundation, Frederick Fish Foundation, Denver Post Community Foundation, Ralph L. and Florence R. Burgess Trust, and 8z Real Estate.

Reservations for Colorado Symphony MusiCurious programs can be made beginning August 1, 2022, at coloradosymphony.org. For more information about Colorado Symphony MusiCurious Youth Programs, please visit coloradosymphony.org/education or email musicurious@coloradosymphony.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. - 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-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.