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COLORADO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES BEETHOVEN 2020 STATEWIDE CELEBRATION

Performances in Boettcher Concert Hall and across the state will bring Beethoven to Colorado communities throughout the year

Dec. 16, 2019 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony will bring the music of Ludwig van Beethoven to communities throughout the Centennial State as part of the Beethoven 2020 Statewide Celebration commemorating Beethoven’s 250th birthday.

This yearlong event will celebrate Beethoven’s unmatched brilliance with over two dozen performances in Boettcher Concert Hall and across Colorado, bringing the full orchestra and chamber ensembles to underserved communities in the state where access to live symphonic music is often difficult or impossible to realize.

“Our Beethoven 2020 Initiative will ensure access to live symphonic music for all of Colorado as we strive to impact the state in a geographically diverse way,” said Anthony Pierce, Chief Artistic Officer for the Colorado Symphony. “In showcasing the entire ensemble as well as smaller ensembles made up of Colorado Symphony musicians in venues throughout the state, this yearlong series promises to be a memory maker for Colorado residents statewide.”

The Beethoven 2020 celebration officially kicks off today with a special, one-night only performance of the Colorado Symphony’s annual All Beethoven concert, which featured Beethoven’s Overture from *Egmont*, his “Emperor” Fifth Piano Concerto, and the astounding Fifth Symphony.

The second half of the Colorado Symphony’s 2019/20 Season features a plethora of repertoire from Beethoven’s illustrious career, showcasing the entire range of his brilliance as a composer. That includes performances of his spiritually expressive *Missa Solemnis* with the Colorado Symphony Chorus February 21-23, the inventive 4th Piano Concerto featuring soloist Garrick Ohlsson April 3-5, and his beautifully tranquil Violin Concerto with soloist Simone Porter May 8-10. The 2019/20 season culminates May 22-24 with Beethoven’s groundbreaking Third Symphony, the “Eroica” — a work which represented a true turning point in musical history as it bridged the Classical and Romantic eras.

Chamber ensembles led by principal players and members of the Colorado Symphony will perform in venues throughout the state including in Fort Collins at Colorado State University, in Greeley at the University of Northern Colorado, at the Salida SteamPlant Event Center in Salida, and the New Center for the Arts in Crested Butte.

“Beethoven’s enduring message of hope over adversity resounds so clearly and loudly that people will commemorate this towering Genius with celebrations all over the world for his 250th Birthday,” said



Hwang-Williams. “I’m so thrilled to participate, along with several colleagues, in bringing his chamber music to outlying areas of Colorado for the Beethoven 2020 initiative. We hope to connect with these communities and share our passion for music through the universal language of Beethoven.”

“Even though the vast majority of musicians in the Colorado Symphony are transplants, i.e. we moved here after winning an audition, most symphony players quickly fall in love with the state and find it hard to leave,” said Nicholas Recuber, Principal Bass for the Colorado Symphony. “The Beethoven 2020 initiative is a great way for us to combine our passion for Classical music and our love of this wonderful state.”

What’s more, thousands of students from throughout the Front Range will participate in 12 Youth Concerts at Boettcher Concert Hall throughout the 2019/20 Season, the focus of which will be Beethoven, his musical influences, and artists who were influenced by Beethoven himself.

Following the conclusion of the 2019/20 Season, the Colorado Symphony will return to Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre on July 26, 2020. In what will be one of the most awe-inspiring performances in the storied venue’s history, the Colorado Symphony will perform Beethoven’s monumental Ninth Symphony outdoors under the stars. This once-in-a-lifetime performance will feature nearly 500 musicians on stage as the full orchestra will be accompanied by a massive community chorus made up of the Colorado Symphony Chorus, Anschutz Chorus, and more along with four vocal soloists for an outdoor musical experience unlike any ever seen in Colorado.

The Colorado Symphony’s 2020/21 Season schedule will be released in March 2020 with additional Beethoven repertoire still to come and additional tour dates to be announced as they become available.

When the year concludes, over 100,000 Colorado residents will have experienced Beethoven throughout the state — from Denver to Mancos and Grand Junction to Fort Collins. Indeed, Colorado will have stood at the forefront of a worldwide celebration, commemorating the life and work of a cherished musical icon.

IN BOETTCHER CONCERT HALL

- **All Beethoven – 250th Birthday Celebration**
DEC 16 MON 7:30 p.m.
Boettcher Concert Hall, Denver, CO
Tickets: coloradosymphony.org
On Sale Now
- **Beethoven Missa Solemnis featuring the Colorado Symphony Chorus**
FEB 21-23 FRI-SAT 7:30 p.m. SUN 1:00 p.m.
Boettcher Concert Hall, Denver, CO
Tickets: coloradosymphony.org
On Sale Now
- **Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4**



APR 3-5 FRI-SAT 7:30 p.m. SUN 1:00 p.m.
Boettcher Concert Hall, Denver, CO
Tickets: coloradosymphony.org
On Sale Now

- **Beethoven Violin Concerto No. 1 conducted by Christopher Dragon**
MAY 8-10 FRI-SAT 7:30 p.m. SUN 1:00 p.m.
Boettcher Concert Hall, Denver, CO
Tickets: coloradosymphony.org
On Sale Now
- **Beethoven Symphony No. 3 "Eroica" conducted by Brett Mitchell**
MAY 22-24 FRI-SAT 7:30 p.m. SUN 1:00 p.m.
Boettcher Concert Hall, Denver, CO
Tickets: coloradosymphony.org
On Sale Now

BEETHOVEN 2020 TOUR

- **Beethoven on the Rocks with the Colorado Symphony**
JAN 19 at 4:00 p.m.
The Visitors Center and Top Plaza
Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre
Tickets: <https://www.axs.com/events/385092/beethoven-on-the-rocks-with-the-colorado-symphony-tickets?skin=redrocks>
On Sale Now
- **Colorado Symphony's Beethoven 2020 @ Colorado State University**
FEB 10 at 7:30 p.m.
Griffin Concert Hall at CSU University Center for the Arts
1400 Remington Street, Fort Collins, CO
Colorado Symphony small ensemble
Colorado State University Ensemble
BEETHOVEN Septet in E-flat major, Op. 20
Tickets: <https://tickets.coloradosymphony.org/5494>
On Sale: December 20
- **Beethoven and Brews: River North Brewery**
FEB 12 at 6:30 p.m.
6021 Washington Street, Denver, CO
Tickets: <https://tickets.coloradosymphony.org/5513>
On Sale Now
- **Colorado Symphony's Beethoven 2020 @ University of Northern Colorado**
FEB 12 at 7:30 p.m.



Campus Commons Performance Hall at the University of Northern Colorado

1501 22nd Street, Greeley, CO

Colorado Symphony small ensemble

MOZART Flute Quartet

BEETHOVEN String Trio, Op. 9

BEETHOVEN Eyeglass Duet

BEETHOVEN Flute Serenade

Tickets: <https://tickets.unco.edu/online/article/coloradosymphony>

On Sale: December 16

- **Colorado Symphony's Beethoven 2020 @ Salida**

MAR 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Salida SteamPlant Theater

220 W Sackett Ave, Salida, CO

Colorado Symphony small ensemble

BEETHOVEN String Trio Op. 9

SPERGER Duet for Viola and Bass

BEETHOVEN Septet in E-flat major, Op. 20

Tickets: salidasteamplant.com

On Sale: February 3

- **Colorado Symphony's Beethoven 2020 @ Crested Butte**

MAR 12 at 7:30 p.m.

New Center for the Arts

606 6th St, Crested Butte, CO

Colorado Symphony small ensemble

BEETHOVEN String Trio Op. 9

SPERGER Duet for Viola and Bass

BEETHOVEN Septet in E-flat major, Op. 20

Tickets: crestedbuttearts.org

On Sale: To be determined by venue

- **Colorado Symphony's Beethoven 2020 @ Steamboat Springs**

MAR 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Steamboat Art Museum

807 Lincoln Ave, Steamboat Springs, CO

Colorado Symphony small ensemble

Yumi Hwang-Williams, violin

BEETHOVEN Flute Serenade, Op. 25

BEETHOVEN Eyeglass Duet

BEETHOVEN String Quartet Op. 18 in D major, 1st movement

BEETHOVEN Grosse Fugue, Op. 133

BEETHOVEN String Quartet No. 13 in B-flat major, finale

Tickets: <https://tickets.coloradosymphony.org/5497>

On Sale: December 20



- **Colorado Symphony's Beethoven and Brews: Farm House at Breckenridge Brewery**
MAR 18 at 6:30 p.m.
2990 Brewery Ln, Littleton, CO
Tickets: <https://tickets.coloradosymphony.org/5515>
On Sale Now
- **Colorado Symphony & Chorus perform Beethoven 9**
JUL 26 at 7:00 p.m.
Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre
Tickets: <https://www.axs.com/events/385092/beethoven-on-the-rocks-with-the-colorado-symphony-tickets?skin=redrocks>
On Sale Now
- **Colorado Symphony's Beethoven 2020 @ Montrose - Symphony No. 5**
SEP 8 at 7:30 p.m.
Montrose Pavilion
1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose, CO
Colorado Symphony
Brett Mitchell, conductor
BEETHOVEN *Coriolan* Overture
BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto in D major for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 61
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67
Tickets: <https://tickets.coloradosymphony.org/5503>
On Sale: December 20
- **Colorado Symphony's Beethoven 2020 @ Grand Junction - Symphony No. 5**
SEP 9 at 7:30 p.m.
Avalon Theatre
645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO
Colorado Symphony
Brett Mitchell, conductor
BEETHOVEN *Coriolan* Overture
BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto in D major for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 61
BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67
Tickets: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/1E00578BE83552B2>
On Sale: December 20

For tickets and more information about the Colorado Symphony's Beethoven 2020 Initiative, please visit ColoradoSymphony.org. Beethoven 2020 is sponsored in part by the Colorado State University System.

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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 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 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. 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. In addition, over 265,000 people listen to the Colorado Symphony through Colorado Public Radio's live broadcasts of classical content featuring concert recordings, in-studio performances of individual musicians and small ensembles, and live streaming of interviews and performances with artists. 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.