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## **Andrew Litton Becomes Colorado Symphony Artistic Advisor and Principal Guest Conductor**

September 15, 2015 - The Colorado Symphony announced today that at the end of the current season, Andrew Litton will become the Colorado Symphony's Artistic Advisor and Principal Guest Conductor through Colorado Symphony's 2017/18 season.

Mr. Litton has served as the Music Director for the Colorado Symphony since August 2013. The new posts of Artistic Advisor and Principal Guest Conductor assure that Mr. Litton will appear regularly with the Colorado Symphony and continue to direct its artistic development as the Colorado Symphony forms a search committee to appoint his successor. The new posts enable Mr. Litton to continue an affiliation with the Colorado Symphony as he assumes his new post as Music Director of the New York City Ballet.

"I feel a special bond with the great musicians of this orchestra which will never be severed," says Andrew Litton, "regardless of the title I may hold at any given time. A great orchestra is one of the hallmarks of a great city. The Colorado Symphony is a cultural asset to be treasured. It's an honor to continue to be part of this winning team."

Mr. Litton brings his new New York City Ballet connection to Denver on January 10, 2016. Members of the Ballet will perform as he conducts the Colorado Symphony's *All Gershwin* concert.

"The Orchestra has made important artistic strides under Mr. Litton's leadership," says Jerry Kern, CEO and Co-Chair of the Colorado Symphony "including critically acclaimed presentations of opera in concert and a first recording with the BIS label, a Copland CD, to be released this month. He will continue making a difference in Denver."

The Colorado Symphony's 2015/16 season opens on September 18, 2015 with Andrew Litton conducting the *Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1* concert featuring guest pianist Alessio Bax.

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For more information about Andrew Litton, please go to: <http://www.andrewlitton.com>

**TICKETS TO THE COLORADO SYMPHONY CONCERTS:**

Tickets are available online at [www.coloradosymphony.org](http://www.coloradosymphony.org), 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 am - 6 pm; Saturday, noon - 6 pm; and two hours prior to each performance.

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**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 internationally renowned Music Director Andrew Litton, 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 [www.coloradosymphony.org](http://www.coloradosymphony.org).