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**COLORADO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES CENTENNIAL SEASON CELEBRATION FEATURING
YO-YO MA, AUDRA MCDONALD, AND RENÉE FLEMING**

Subscription Packages Now On Sale; Single Tickets Available Starting June 12

[2023/24 Season Brochure](#)

Mar. 6, 2023 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony is thrilled to unveil its 2023/24 Season taking place at downtown Denver's Boettcher Concert Hall. Celebrating 100 years of symphonic music in Colorado, the season is highlighted by a trio of must-see performances featuring the legendary Yo-Yo Ma, Audra McDonald, and Renée Fleming. Led by Principal Conductor Peter Oundjian, Colorado Symphony patrons will be treated to a schedule teeming with incredible programming, renowned guest artists, and revered symphonic works all season long.

Blessed with a luminous soprano and an incomparable gift for dramatic truth-telling, Audra McDonald and your Colorado Symphony create an unforgettable evening featuring songs from the American musical theatre songbook on September 23, 2023. Renée Fleming is one of the most highly acclaimed singers of our time, and she joins your Colorado Symphony and Resident Conductor Christopher Dragon for an evening featuring opera favorites and more on October 7, 2023. Finally, the incomparable Yo-Yo Ma, alongside Oundjian and the Colorado Symphony, returns for a special one-night-only event featuring Elgar's renowned Cello Concerto on May 5, 2024.

The orchestra will welcome many of its former artistic leaders back to the podium, including Marin Alsop, Jeffrey Kahane, and Andrew Litton. It's also a special season for the Colorado Symphony Chorus, which will celebrate its 40th Anniversary with several programs commemorating their founder and director, Duain Wolfe, and the tireless efforts of their chorus members.

"The Colorado Symphony and I are thrilled to celebrate our Centennial with a season of spectacular music from a diverse and talented roster of composers, featuring a blend of old and new, all performed by a collection of some of the finest musicians in the world," said Oundjian. "What a thrill it is to be welcoming Audra McDonald and Renée Fleming to Boettcher Concert Hall, and I'm particularly excited to share the stage with Yo-Yo Ma and our orchestra next May. This season carries special significance as we celebrate 100 years of music and look ahead to the next century of music making in Colorado. This is a milestone we could not have reached without the overwhelming and longstanding support of this community. We are *your* symphony – this celebration belongs as much to you and our state as it does to our orchestra, and we can't wait to share the excitement with you all season long."

Our Centennial Celebration begins with a program featuring Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Brahms' First Piano Concerto with superstar pianist Hélène Grimaud, and Carlos Simon's *Fate Now Conquers*, all led by Oundjian on Classics Opening Weekend from September 15-17. Additional masterworks highlights of the



season include Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony, Stravinsky's *The Firebird*, Mahler's Symphony No. 3, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, and a fitting finale to the orchestra's Centennial featuring R. Strauss' *An Alpine Symphony*. The Colorado Symphony Chorus will also take center stage on Mozart's *Requiem* and Handel's *Messiah* as well as a special 40th Anniversary Celebration featuring Vaughan Williams' "A Sea Symphony".

Three of the season's Classics weekends will be led by female conductors, with Eun Sun Kim on the podium for February 9-11 performances of Beethoven's Piano Concert No. 2, February 23-25 performances of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony under the baton of Marin Alsop, and Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto led by Karen Kamensek from April 26-28.

The Colorado Symphony will also perform the scores and screen several beloved films including *Star Wars: A New Hope*, *Amadeus*, *Home Alone*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets™*, along with tributes to The Beatles, The Police, and Elvis.

"Throughout our Centennial Celebration, we'll be honoring the very best in live symphonic music with a season Coloradans will be thrilled to experience," said Anthony Pierce, Chief Artistic Officer. "As a conductor and leader of the highest caliber, Peter Oundjian's appointment as our Principal Conductor last season has had a transformational effect, bringing enormous credibility to our core Classics repertoire and audiences have responded in kind, filling Boettcher Concert Hall in record numbers. As an organization, we take great pride in presenting a diverse array of programming that offers something for everyone. We are your symphony and Boettcher Concert Hall is a gathering place for our entire community. Whether it's our Classics, Symphony Pops, Movie at the Symphony concerts, or a collaboration with a big-name artist — it's thrilling entertainment for fans of all ages."

Subscription packages for the 2023/24 Season, which include both series-specific and customizable package options, go on sale today, March 6. Flex Passes are also on sale as of March 6, which offer six (6) ticket vouchers guests can use for best-available seats to most concerts in the season, redeemable the week of the selected performance.

Single tickets for all concerts will be available starting June 12, 2023, with a separate announcement to precede the date. For concert descriptions and ticket information, please visit coloradosymphony.org or call the box office at 303.623.7876.

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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.