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### **COLORADO SYMPHONY UNVEILS 2023/24 COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

*Students and community members of all ages will have the opportunity to engage with the Colorado Symphony through innovative, community focused programming. Sign up now to experience your Colorado Symphony at Boettcher Concert Hall and partner venues across Colorado this upcoming season.*

Aug. 7, 2023 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony is thrilled to announce its lineup of Community Education Programs for the upcoming 2023/24 season. With a commitment to providing high-quality symphonic programming to Coloradans throughout the state, the Colorado Symphony is set to deliver an inspiring array of educational experiences through in-person and virtual performances, bilingual curriculum, and collaborations with local artists and organizations.



"We are proud to present our Community Education Programs for the 2023/24 season, continuing our mission to nurture the love of music in the hearts of future generations," said Mark Cantrell, President & CEO of the Colorado Symphony. "These initiatives embody our commitment to engaging with our community and enriching the lives of young people through the power of live, symphonic music."

Breanna McCaughey, Director of Community Education, added, "We believe that music has the power to inspire, transform, and connect. The Colorado Symphony's Community Education Programs aim to bring people of all ages together and build a lifelong love for the arts."

The 2023/24 Community Education Season will feature a host of creative programs including:



#### **Untold Stories of the West Youth Concerts**

Through a captivating and immersive concert experience, students will be taken on a musical journey that celebrates the cultural diversity of one of America's most iconic landscapes by exploring its history, setting, and music. Join the Colorado Symphony in a concert experience that features repertoire representing a wide array of soundscapes and cultures. We're proud to feature a diverse group of artistic collaborators including the Black American West Museum and Heritage Center, the Japanese Arts Network, and spoken word poet, José "Jozer" Guerrero.



### **Mini Música (formerly Petite Musique)**

The beloved children's tale, "The Ugly Duckling," will come to life in the form of "Mini Musica" - an interactive, bilingual educational concert for young audiences. Featuring a 16-piece orchestra and a narrator who sings and dances in English and Spanish, this program is designed to introduce young children to the instruments of the orchestra through a musical telling of a classic children's story. Through lively storytelling and orchestral performances, children will learn valuable lessons about self-discovery, acceptance, and the beauty of being unique. As part of the Colorado Symphony's commitment to early childhood education literacy initiatives, each concert attendee will receive a complimentary bilingual storybook at the door.



### **Sensory Friendly Concerts**

The Colorado Symphony believes strongly in access and inclusion and is committed to providing opportunities for everyone to enjoy the beauty of live orchestral music through our Sensory Friendly program. Sensory Friendly performances are meant to be shared experiences with family members and caregivers while offering a supportive and accommodating environment. This season's concerts feature collaborations with the Denver Young Artists Orchestra and Colorado Conservatory of Dance and are specifically designed for people with conditions that might cause them to feel uncomfortable or unwelcome at concerts. Additionally, the relaxed nature of these concerts make them a perfect fit for families with young children. Complimentary sensory toys are provided onsite.



### **Open Rehearsals**

To provide middle and high school students a behind-the-scenes glimpse of how a professional orchestra prepares for a concert, the Colorado Symphony will host eight Open Rehearsals throughout the 2023/24 season. This program offers an opportunity to observe the technical and production preparation, hear rehearsal techniques and feedback from a professional conductor, and experience a Colorado Symphony concert in the making.



### **Musician Visits**

Every year, Colorado Symphony musicians travel to schools, libraries, and other venues across Colorado to meaningfully engage with their community. Whether through 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 2023/24 Season.



### **Free Virtual Concerts & Curriculum**

Recognizing the importance of accessibility, the Colorado Symphony will offer a series of free virtual concerts and accompanying educational curriculum for schools and students unable to attend in-person events. These online resources will allow a wider audience to experience the magic of orchestral music from the comfort of their classrooms or homes.



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

Colorado Symphony Education programs are brought to you through the generous support of donors and foundations including SCFD, the Scientific & Cultural Collaborative, The Butler Family Fund, Genesee Mountain Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, Deborah K. Holmes Family Foundation, Frederick G. Fish Foundation, Denver Post Community Foundation, Schramm Foundation, Arts & Venues Denver (Denver Music Advancement Fund), PNC Foundation, Singer Family Foundation, Broomfield Community Foundation, Margulf Foundation, Aegon Transamerica Foundation, Colorado Symphony Guild, and HHSB Family Fund.

“The Colorado Symphony is committed to making our community education programs accessible,” added Cantrell. “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 and are helping to educate the next generation of musicians.”

Reservations for Colorado Symphony Community Education programs can be made beginning August 7, 2023, at [coloradosymphony.org/education](https://coloradosymphony.org/education). For more information about Colorado Symphony Community Education Programs, please visit [coloradosymphony.org/education](https://coloradosymphony.org/education) or email [musicurious@coloradosymphony.org](mailto:musicurious@coloradosymphony.org).

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#### **TICKETS:**

Tickets to Colorado Symphony events are available online at [coloradosymphony.org/tickets](https://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. The orchestra celebrates their Centennial during the 2023/24 concert season. In the last year, the Colorado Symphony served over 340,000 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](https://coloradosymphony.org).