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COLORADO SYMPHONY RECEIVES GRANT FROM NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Grant will support Latin Beats: Sonidos de las Américas, a free community concert on September 26, 2024

May 16, 2024 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony is pleased to announce it has been approved by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for a Grants for Arts Projects award of \$20,000. This grant will support Latin Beats: Sonidos de las Américas, a free community concert at Boettcher Concert Hall on September 26, 2024. In total, the NEA will award 1,135 Grants for Arts Projects awards totaling more than \$37 million as part of its second round of fiscal year 2024 grants.



“Projects like Latin Beats: Sonidos de las Américas exemplify the creativity and care with which communities are telling their stories, creating connection, and responding to challenges and opportunities in their communities—all through the arts,” said NEA Chair Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD. “So many aspects of our communities such as cultural vitality, health and wellbeing, infrastructure, and the economy are advanced and improved through investments in art and design, and the National Endowment for the Arts is committed to ensuring people across the country benefit.”

In collaboration with the Mexican Cultural Center, Latin Beats: Sonidos de las Américas is a unique, free concert celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and Latin culture’s influence on sound in the Americas, showcasing a fusion of traditional, classical, and contemporary music augmented by the Colorado Symphony’s soaring orchestrations. 2024 marks the 8th installment of the Latin Beats series, signifying the longstanding relationship between the Colorado Symphony and Mexican Cultural Center.

“We’re thankful for the generous support from the NEA that will help enable the Colorado Symphony’s celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Latin culture to continue for years to come,” said Mark Cantrell, President & CEO of the Colorado Symphony. “This grant not only enriches our community but also ensures that music remains a unifying force, accessible to all. We’re proud of our longstanding relationship with the Mexican Cultural Center and together, we orchestrate moments of unity and inspiration, building community bridges through the universal language of music.”

“The Mexican Cultural Center is thrilled to be continuing our partnership with the Colorado Symphony on our Latin Beats Collaboration,” said Rachel Garcia, Executive Director of the Mexican Cultural Center. “Our collaboration includes cultural components combined with a symphonic repertoire. This concert is all about increasing a sense of belonging and cultural diplomacy as well as sparking joy within the Latino and greater community!”



For more information on other projects included in the NEA's grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news).

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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. The orchestra celebrated its 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.