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COLORADO SYMPHONY TO HOST CENTENNIAL GALA AT MISSION BALLROOM ON MAY 4

The event will feature the Colorado Symphony, vocalist Sierra Boggess, and award the 2024 Margaret Phipps Award to the Butler family

Apr. 1, 2024 – Denver, CO – A season-long celebration of the Colorado Symphony’s Centennial will culminate in the orchestra’s Centennial Gala at Mission Ballroom on May 4, 2024. The event will feature the Colorado Symphony led by Resident Conductor Christopher Dragon and vocalist Sierra Boggess.



Known world-wide, not only for re-inventing the coveted role of ‘Christine Daae’ in Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber’s *The Phantom of the Opera*, but for Lord Webber himself going on record to say that “she’s the best, the best Christine certainly.” Boggess portrayed the role in the Broadway, West End, and the televised 25th-Anniversary concert productions of *Phantom*.

The orchestra will award the 2024 Margaret Phipps Award to the Butler family. Established in 1993, this prestigious award recognizes outstanding contributions and service to the Colorado Symphony and the arts community. The Butler family members have been dedicated advocates of the Colorado Symphony and other arts and service organizations through three generations of service and philanthropy. This esteemed recognition celebrates exceptional commitment to cultural enrichment, philanthropy, and community.

“Our family is deeply honored to be receiving the Margaret Phipps award at the symphony's Gala on May 4,” the family said in a statement. “The theme of this year’s award is Establishing a Family Legacy through Service & Philanthropy. In our family’s case, the legacy was begun by our parents/parents in law Erna and Brad Butler. As members of the ‘greatest generation,’ Erna and Brad set an example of sustaining their community through contributions of time, expertise, and financial resources. The four of us (Nancy & Tony Accetta, Jim & Sharon Butler) and our children are doing our best to build on that legacy through support of our symphony and other cultural and human service organizations. Collectively, we are just one example of the many families in Colorado that share their personal success to create the greatest possible legacy - a thriving community.”



The Centennial Gala will be the organization's largest fundraising event of the year with funds raised supporting the Colorado Symphony's mission of inspiring the future of live, symphonic music. The Colorado Symphony annually reaches over a quarter-million Coloradans through innovative artistic collaborations, curating world-class classical programs, and investing in community through award winning educational programs and community partnerships.

For sponsorship opportunities or to purchase a table, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/coloradosymphonygala/welcome> or contact Katie Skawski at kskawski@coloradosymphony.org.

EVENT INFORMATION:

What: Colorado Symphony Centennial Gala

Date: Saturday, May 4, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Mission Ballroom - 4242 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80216

For more information, visit: <https://one.bidpal.net/coloradosymphonygala/welcome>

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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.