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#### SINGLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR COLORADO SYMPHONY'S CENTENNIAL

Tickets available now for performances with Yo-Yo Ma, Audra McDonald, Renée Fleming, as well as all 23/24 Classics, Movie at the Symphony performances, Family concerts, Symphony Pops titles, and more!

Jun. 12, 2023 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony has announced that single tickets for their Centennial are now on sale.



Celebrating 100 years of symphonic music in Colorado, the 2023/24 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.

"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."

A full concert listing for the 2023/24 Season can be found here, with season highlights including:

# OPENING WEEKEND: BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH SYMPHONY WITH PETER OUNDJIAN

September 15-17 Peter Oundjian, conductor Hélène Grimaud, piano

**CARLOS SIMON** Fate Now Conquers

**BRAHMS** Piano Concerto No. 1 in D minor, Op. 15 **BEETHOVEN** Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67



Our Centennial Celebration begins with Beethoven under the baton of Principal Conductor Peter Oundjian with acclaimed masterworks commemorating a century of symphonic music in Colorado. Superstar pianist Hélène Grimaud lends her prodigious talents to Brahms' First Piano Concerto, filled with virtuosic beauty and bombast in equal measure while featuring many an homage to his idol, Beethoven. As a musician confronting the fate of impending deafness, Beethoven persisted while documenting hopeful aspirations to prevail in his music and personal journals. Within his monumental Fifth Symphony — perhaps the most recognizable and well-known composition in the classical repertoire — he famously depicts this struggle with the ominous four-note motif signifying "fate knocking at the door." FULL DESCRIPTION

Boettcher Concert Hall Friday, September 15, 2023, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 16, 2023, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 17, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

# AN EVENING ON BROADWAY WITH AUDRA MCDONALD

September 23 Audra McDonald, vocalist Andy Einhorn, conductor

Blessed with a luminous soprano and an incomparable gift for dramatic truth-telling, Audra McDonald joins your Colorado Symphony for an unforgettable evening featuring songs from the American musical theater songbook by such composers as Harold Arlen, the Gershwins, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Sondheim, and many others! FULL DESCRIPTION

Boettcher Concert Hall Saturday, September 23, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

### RENÉE FLEMING WITH YOUR COLORADO SYMPHONY

October 7 Renée Fleming, soprano Christopher Dragon, conductor

Renée Fleming is one of the most highly acclaimed singers of our time, performing on the stages of the world's greatest opera houses and concert halls. She's also been honored with four GRAMMY® Awards and the US National Medal of Arts. Join Ms. Fleming and your Colorado Symphony for an evening featuring opera favorites and more! <u>FULL DESCRIPTION</u>

**Boettcher Concert Hall** 



Saturday, October 7, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

## **AMADEUS LIVE**

October 20-21 Sarah Hicks, conductor Colorado Symphony Chorus, Duain Wolfe, director

Winner of eight Academy Awards® in 1984, including Best Picture, Actor, Director, and Adapted Screenplay, *Amadeus* tells the story of Vienna court composer, Antonio Salieri, and the envy that consumes him upon discovering that the divine musical gifts he has so longed for all his life have been bestowed on a bawdy, vulgar, and impish young composer, Mozart. Salieri's envy fuels his plot to destroy the man, while all the while unable to tear himself away from the genius of his music. <u>FULL DESCRIPTION</u>

Boettcher Concert Hall Friday, October 20, 2023, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 21, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

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### **VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION**

November 10 Wilbur Lin, conductor

Join your Colorado Symphony for a Veteran's Day concert celebrating the resolute spirit of our U.S. military service members. This tribute honors Armed Forces Veterans' courage and sacrifice with a celebration of America featuring patriotic favorites like the "Armed Forces Salute," "Stars and Stripes Forever," the *Overture of 1812*, "God Bless America," and more. <u>FULL DESCRIPTION</u>

Boettcher Concert Hall Friday, November 10, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

### REVOLUTION: THE MUSIC OF THE BEATLES

November 11 Christopher Dragon, conductor Jeff Tyzik, arranger

The Beatles come to life in Revolution, the new authorized symphonic tribute to the Fab Four, featuring top vocalists and musicians accompanied by GRAMMY®-winner Jeff Tyzik's new arrangements



transcribed and arranged from the original master recordings at Abbey Road. Accompanied by hundreds of rare and unseen photos from the historic, London-based archives of The Beatles' official fan magazine – The Beatles Book Monthly – along with stunning video and animation, Revolution takes audiences on a magical musical and visual journey of The Beatles. The production features arrangements of over 25 top hits including "Ticket to Ride," "Penny Lane," "All You Need Is Love," "Get Back," "Here Comes the Sun," and "Hey Jude. FULL DESCRIPTION

Boettcher Concert Hall Saturday, November 11, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

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#### TWO TITANS: MOZART & MAHLER

December 1-3 Rune Bergmann, conductor Yumi Hwang-Williams, violin

**SIBELIUS** Swan of Tuonela

MOZART Violin Concerto No. 3 in G major, K. 216
MAHLER Symphony No. 1 in D major, "Titan"

Celebrate the work of two titanic icons: Gustav Mahler and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Featuring Mahler's aptly named "Titan" Symphony, this gripping work is unceasingly energetic and performed by an enormous orchestra, with an otherworldly opening described by Mahler himself as, "Nature's awakening from the long sleep of winter." Hear it alongside Mozart's stunning Third Violin Concerto, composed when the young Mozart was only 19 years old, and artfully brought to life by the Colorado Symphony's own Concertmaster, Yumi Hwang-Williams. With the effervescent Rune Bergmann on the podium, this is a concert weekend sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. <u>FULL DESCRIPTION</u>

Boettcher Concert Hall Friday, December 1, 2023, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 2, 2023, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 3, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

### HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS™ — IN CONCERT

January 5-7

Cars fly, trees fight back, and monsters are on the loose in Harry's second year at Hogwarts™ School of Witchcraft and Wizardry! This concert features the film Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets™ in high-definition, on four giant screens, while your Colorado Symphony performs John Williams'



unforgettable score. Relive every magical moment as the music brings life to a story that has enchanted the world. FULL DESCRIPTION

Boettcher Concert Hall Friday, January 5, 2024, 7:00p.m. Saturday, January 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Sunday, January 7, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

#### MOZART & NOW WITH PETER OUNDJIAN

January 26-28
Peter Oundjian, conductor
Michael Thornton, horn
John Sipher, trombone

**Friday Repertoire** 

**MOZART** *The Magic Flute*: Overture, K. 620

**CARLOS SIMON** Trombone Concerto

MOZART Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K. 550

**Saturday Repertoire** 

MOZART Divertimento in D major, K. 136

**VALERIE COLEMAN** *Umoja – Anthem of Unity* 

MOZART Horn Concerto No. 4 in E-flat major, K. 495

**ROUSE** Symphony No. 6

**Sunday Repertoire** 

MOZART Divertimento in D major, K. 136
MOZART The Magic Flute: Overture, K. 620

MOZART Horn Concerto No. 4 in E-flat major, K. 495

MOZART Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K. 550

Mozart & Now reimagines the traditional concert weekend experience with three unique programs contrasting the music of Mozart alongside contemporary works by some of today's brightest composers, all led by Principal Conductor Peter Oundjian. On Friday and Saturday, hear four of Mozart's most revered compositions including the indelible Symphony No. 40 and his overture from *The Magic Flute*, alongside modern works by Carlos Simon and Valerie Coleman. Sunday's performance is an all-Mozart affair, combining the composer's four works from Friday and Saturday into a single showstopping performance. Join us for your favorite, or better yet, attend all three! <u>FULL DESCRIPTION</u>

Boettcher Concert Hall Friday, January 26, 2024, 7:30 p.m.



Saturday, January 27, 2024, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, January 28, 2024 1:00 p.m.

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### BEETHOVEN'S NINTH SYMPHONY WITH MARIN ALSOP

February 23-25 Marin Alsop, conductor Inbal Segev, cello Colorado Symphony Chorus, Duain Wolfe, director

**ANNA CLYNE** Dance for Cello and Orchestra

**REENA ESMAIL** See Me

**BEETHOVEN** Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125, "Choral"

Your Colorado Symphony and Colorado Symphony Chorus, plus a star-studded cast of vocal soloists, welcome former Music Director and current Conductor Laureate Marin Alsop for an evening of masterpieces that are sure to delight and inspire. Beethoven's Ninth Symphony — so often enlisted for its brilliance, magnitude, and thematic potency — has endured for almost two centuries as the greatest artwork about peace, freedom for all, and brotherhood, ever created. This grand hymn to humanity will flourish alongside two contemporary works by female composers in Anna Clyne's *Dance* for Cello and Orchestra and Reena Esmail's *See Me*, all under the baton of the legendary Maestra Alsop. <u>FULL</u> DESCRIPTION

Boettcher Concert Hall Friday, February 23, 2024, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 24, 2024, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, February 25, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

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### THE WIZARD OF OZ IN CONCERT

March 2 Scott Terrell, conductor

When a tornado rips through Kansas, Dorothy (Judy Garland) and her dog, Toto, are whisked away in their house to the magical land of Oz. They follow the Yellow Brick Road toward the Emerald City to meet the Wizard, and en route they meet a Scarecrow that needs a brain, a Tin Man missing a heart, and a Cowardly Lion who wants courage. The wizard asks the group to bring him the broom of the Wicked Witch of the West to earn his help. Witness this American classic like never before with the full score performed live by your Colorado Symphony. <u>FULL DESCRIPTION</u>

**Boettcher Concert Hall** 



Saturday, March 2, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

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## MOZART'S REQUIEM WITH PETER OUNDJIAN

March 22-24 Peter Oundjian, conductor Colorado Symphony Chorus, Duain Wolfe, director

FAURÉ Pavane, Op. 50

DEBUSSY Nocturnes

MOZART Requiem K. 626

Witness Mozart's final and greatest masterpiece with Principal Conductor Peter Oundjian, your Colorado Symphony, and Colorado Symphony Chorus. The Requiem's genesis is shrouded in mystery – one that makes the piece all the more fascinating and emotionally stirring. Composed while on the edge of consciousness, Mozart willed his last creation into life with his final breaths, bestowing upon the world a choral tour de force that remains remarkably poignant to this day. <u>FULL DESCRIPTION</u>

Boettcher Concert Hall Friday, March 22, 2024, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 2024, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 24, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

### YO-YO MA WITH THE COLORADO SYMPHONY

May 5 Yo-Yo Ma, cello Peter Oundjian, conductor

**TCHAIKOVSKY** Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64 **ELGAR** Cello Concerto in E minor, Op. 85

Multi-GRAMMY® Award-winning cellist Yo-Yo Ma returns to perform Elgar's renowned Cello Concerto with your Colorado Symphony. Yo-Yo Ma's multifaceted career is a testament to his continual search for new ways to communicate with audiences, and to his personal desire for artistic growth and renewal. Whether performing new or familiar works from the cello repertoire, coming together with colleagues for chamber music, or exploring cultures and musical forms outside the Western classical tradition, Mr. Ma strives to find connections that stimulate the imagination. <u>FULL DESCRIPTION</u>

Boettcher Concert Hall Sunday, May 5, 2024, 7:00 p.m.



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### AN ALPINE SYMPHONY WITH PETER OUNDJIAN

May 24-26 Peter Oundjian, conductor Bruce Liu, piano

**GLINKA** Ruslan and Lyudmila: Overture

**PROKOFIEV** Piano Concerto No. 3 in C major, Op. 26

**R. STRAUSS** Eine Alpensinfonie, Op. 64

Your Colorado Symphony and Principal Conductor Peter Oundjian present an unforgettable sendoff to our Centennial Season, highlighted by a fitting homage to the Centennial State with Richard Strauss' An Alpine Symphony. Musically recreating a day's mountain climb, it begins in the hours before sunrise, which are painted in dark and somber tones before the brassy emergence of the sun sets the climbers on their way to a rhythmic, rising theme. A grand trombone fanfare and rich orchestral passages create the glorious panorama revealed at the summit while the descent is represented by falling intervals and a clever inversion of the rising theme heard during the ascent. Back at the mountain's base, night has come as Strauss brings the listener full circle. Pianist Bruce Liu — a rising star who rose to widespread renown in 2021 after winning the XVIII International Chopin Piano Competition — breathes new life into Prokofiev's Third Piano Concerto, containing the composer's trademark magic and virtuosity, part of a monumental season finale that will leave you simply spellbound. FULL DESCRIPTION

Boettcher Concert Hall Friday, May 24, 2024, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 25, 2024, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 26, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

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Subscription packages for the 2023/24 Season, which include both series-specific and customizable package options, are also on sale. Flex Passes, 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, are available as well.

Tickets are available online at <u>coloradosymphony.org</u>, 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.



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#### **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 260,000 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.