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Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra Presents Season Finale, “Carmina Burana”

Featuring the Boulder Choral, Boulder Children’s Chorale and Soloists Mary Wilson, William Parsons, and Dennis Jesse

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BOULDER, Colo., (Mar. 30, 2010) – The [Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra](#) presents its season finale featuring *Carmina burana* with the [Boulder Chorale](#) and the Boulder Children’s Chorale and works by two living composers, Daniel Kellogg and Christopher Theofanidis, Saturday, April 24, 2010, at CU’s Macky Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Watch a preview of the concert on [YouTube](#), narrated by Michael Buttermann, music director for the Boulder Phil.

The concert opens with the short and powerful work, *Rush*, by [Daniel Kellogg](#), one of the most sought after composers in the world today. This four-minute piece, scored for chamber orchestra, has syncopated rhythms and colorful orchestration and increases quickly in intensity from the beginning to the end. Daniel Kellogg is an Assistant Professor of Composition at the University of Colorado at Boulder. His music has been commissioned by orchestras that include the National Symphony Orchestra, the Ensemble Orchestral de Paris, and the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. Premieres of his works have been performed by the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Takács Quartet, the United States Marine Band, and the Aspen Contemporary Ensemble.

Rainbow Body by Grammy-award nominee Christopher Theofanidis follows the lively concert opener. Written for the Houston Symphony in 2000, this work has become extremely popular with audiences across the country and combines Buddhism with Theofanidis’s fascination with the 12th century Christian mystic, Hildegard von Bingen. The title comes from the Tibetan Buddhist idea of “Rainbow Body,” when the dead body of an enlightened person is absorbed directly back into the universe as energy and light. The principal melody is loosely based on one of Hildegard’s chants, “Ave Maria.” Theofanidis teaches at the Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University.



The concert concludes with the Carl Orff's "Carmina burana," written in 1937 and considered one of the most popular classical compositions of the 20th century. The text is taken from a collection of poems that date back to the 13th century with themes of nature, food, drink, and sex. The Boulder Phil is joined with the [Boulder Concert Chorale](#) and the Boulder Children's Chorale. Soloists include soprano [Mary Wilson](#), tenor [William Parsons](#), and baritone [Dennis Jesse](#).

Concert tickets are available online at www.boulderphil.org and at the Dairy Box Office at 303-444-7328, from \$13 to \$70. The Dairy Box Office is located in the Dairy Center lobby at 26th and Walnut Streets. Box office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.

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