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### **The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra kicks off Halloween weekend with *Cirque de la Symphonie*, a synthesis of athletic artistry and classical music**

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The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra marks the start of the Halloween weekend by combining the magic and athletic artistry of the circus with classical music in the Boulder premiere of *Cirque de la Symphonie*, on October 29, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., at Macky Auditorium on the CU campus.

“*Cirque* is a brilliant synthesis of sight and sound,” said Michael Butterman, music director of the Boulder Phil. “Seeing music come to life in a new way adds a dimension to the concert experience that compels the attention of both traditional audience members and first-time attendees.”

*Cirque de la Symphonie*, which has been selling out concert halls for the past few years, features some of the most accomplished veterans in the circus industry performing as aerial flyers, acrobats, contortionists, dancers, jugglers, and balancers. Each performance is shared by a symphony orchestra and professionally choreographed to classical masterpieces and popular contemporary music in collaboration with the maestro.

The music is drawn from the canon of well-loved orchestral showpieces—music that is recognizable from its use in everything from commercials to television and films. But as familiar as these pieces are, they are rarely heard in the concert hall these days.

“For novices, the concert provides a wonderful introduction to orchestral music, while those who already know and love classical music will enjoy experiencing some of their favorites in a new and stunning way,” said Butterman.

The program features selections from Bizet’s opera, *Carmen*, Tchaikovsky’s *Swan Lake*, and Saint-Saëns’s *Danse macbre*, to name only a few. Some selections are solely orchestral



while others are combined with the *Cirque* performers for a full evening of high-energy entertainment.

The Boulder Phil kicks off the new year on Saturday, January 15, 2011, with *Rach 'N' Roll*, featuring Boulder's superstar pianist, David Korevaar, performing Sergei Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 3*. Tickets are available online at [www.boulderphil.org](http://www.boulderphil.org) and by calling 303-449-1343, ext. 2.

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