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Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra Presents “Angela & Chopin”
Featuring pianist Angela Cheng and celebrating the 200th anniversary of Chopin’s birth

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BOULDER, Colo., (Feb. 27, 2010) – The [Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra](#) celebrates the 200th anniversary of Frédéric Chopin’s birth and the music from French and Polish composers in a St. Patrick’s Day concert featuring world-class pianist and Chopin specialist, Angela Cheng, Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at CU’s Macky Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Watch a preview of the concert on [YouTube](#), narrated by Michael Butterman, music director for the Boulder Phil.

The concert opens with *Hommage à Chopin*, a five-movement work for flute and stings written by Polish composer Sir Andrzej Panufnik, (1914 to 1991), as a tribute to Chopin. Though the work does not use themes from Chopin’s work, it draws from the melodies and rhythm of folk music from Masovia, the central region of Poland where Chopin was born.

The Phil welcomes back pianist [Angela Cheng](#), a long-time favorite in Boulder, to perform Chopin’s immortal *Piano Concerto No. 2*, which was first performed on March 17, 1830, in Warsaw, Poland, with the composer as soloist. Ms. Cheng, a former CU College of Music faculty member, is the 1986 Gold Medal winner of the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Masters Competition as well as the first Canadian to win the prestigious Montreal International Piano Competition (1988). For her outstanding interpretations of Mozart, she received the Medal of Excellence at the Mozarteum in Salzburg in 1991. Ms. Cheng is associate professor of piano at Oberlin College and Conservatory.

The concert closes with Georges Bizet *Symphony in C*, a beautiful and vibrant work written when the composer was only 17 years old. George Balanchine choreographed a ballet set to the symphony, which is now considered to be one of the great ballets of the twentieth century.

The Boulder Phil season concludes on Saturday, April 24, with *Carmina burana*, featuring the Boulder Concert Chorale, Children’s Chorale, and Camerata.

Concert tickets are available online at www.boulderphil.org and at the Dairy Box Office at 303-444-7328. 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.