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**Boulder Philharmonic Celebrates Boulder's Culture of Innovation with World-Class Artists in 2011-2012 Season**

*Michael Buttermann begins sixth season as music director—subscriptions at six-year high*

The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra's 2011-2012 season, *The Spirit of Boulder*, celebrates Boulder's culture of innovation with guest artists that include the Takács Quartet, in residence at the University of Colorado Boulder; pianist Hsing-ay Hsu, artistic director of the Pendulum New Music concert series at CU-Boulder, which has inspired a dedicated following of contemporary music lovers; cellist Joshua Roman, a 2011 TED Fellow known for his far-reaching repertoire; and Lebanese percussionist Rony Barrak and beatbox artist Shodekeh, popular for their performances at the annual Conference on World Affairs at CU-Boulder.

With five masterwork concerts and the annual performance of *The Nutcracker* with the Boulder Ballet, this 54<sup>th</sup> season is at once true to classical music devotees and to those with more diverse musical tastes—all of which reflects the diverse spirit of Boulder.

The upcoming season marks Michael Buttermann's sixth season as music director of the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra, a strong tenure reflected by a significant increase in subscribers and single ticket sales. Ticket sales are up 40% during the last two seasons, led by subscriptions, which are at a six-year high. The orchestra experienced four sell-outs at Macky Auditorium during 2010, including its highest-grossing concert of all time with the "Cirque de la Symphonie" production.

The 2011-2012 season also reflects Boulder Phil's engagement in the Boulder community with the popular Discovery Concerts featuring Michael Buttermann and the orchestra performing for Boulder elementary school students, a young artist concerto competition, chamber concerts at the Boulder Public Library, and a family concert. The Boulder Phil will also perform at the Vilar Performing Arts Center in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

For information on the upcoming season, subscriptions, and individual tickets, visit [www.boulderphil.org](http://www.boulderphil.org).  
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