

**Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra Presents
“Piano Legends: Music of Billy Joel & Elton John,” November 8, 2014**

Continuing its season of *Legends: The Spirit of Boulder*, the [Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra](#) will showcase the music of two pop legends, Billy Joel and Elton John, on Saturday, November 8, 7:30 p.m. at [CU's Macky Auditorium](#).

The first half of the program features hit songs by Bill Joel, including *Say Goodbye to Hollywood*, *Always a Woman*, and *Piano Man*. After a short intermission, the second half of the program focuses on Sir Elton John with songs such as *Someone Saved My Life Tonight*, *Circle of Life*, and *Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me*.

Accompanying the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra are two guest artists, [Jean Meilleur](#) and [John Regan](#). Meilleur is a singer and guitarist with over 25 years of professional experience who states, “It’s a privilege to share the stage with a symphony orchestra, Peter Brennan’s superb arrangements, and a flawless band. To have the opportunity to sing some of the greatest popular music of our time, in my own voice, is a rush beyond compare.” Regan is a vocalist and pianist who mixes classical techniques with pop and rock music. He cites Elton John as one of his influences in his early piano work.

[Donald J. McKinney](#) serves as the guest conductor for this performance. He is director of bands and associate professor at the University of Colorado Boulder. McKinney serves as the conductor for the CU Wind Symphony and has served as the guest conductor at a variety of honor ensembles and the Dallas Wind Symphony.

With a career spanning over four decades and after 200 million record sales, Sir Elton John can easily be categorized as one of Britain’s most accomplished musicians and songwriters. He began his formal music training at the Royal Academy of Music, but soon left school to pursue his passion of rock music. Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994 and knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1998, Sir Elton John has contributed to the advancement of popular music and influenced many artists during his long and fruitful career. He is the recipient of six Grammy Awards, one Academy Award, and a Tony.

Similarly accomplished, Billy Joel has sold over 150 million records in the over 40 years he has been singing and writing music. His impressive record sales and the longevity of his career make Billy Joel one of the most successful artists worldwide. Through his career, Billy Joel has won six Grammy Awards, including a Grammy Legend Award, has been inducted into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriter’s Hall of Fame, and became the first non-classical artist to be honored with a portrait in Steinway Hall.

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