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## **Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra Presents Singer-Songwriter Josh Ritter, October 10, 2015**

The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra is pleased to announce a special event featuring American singer-songwriter Josh Ritter and the Royal City Band on October 10, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., at CU's Macky Auditorium. Single tickets are now on sale and can be purchased on the Boulder Phil's website, [www.BoulderPhil.org](http://www.BoulderPhil.org) or by calling 303-449-1343, ext. 2. Ticket prices range from \$25-\$55.

The son of two neuroscientists, Ritter was on his way to follow in their footsteps when he discovered Johnny Cash and Bob Dylan's "Girl from the North Country" in high school. He has since released several critically-acclaimed studio albums and has been recently named one of the 100 greatest living songwriters by *Paste Magazine*, alongside Dylan, Springsteen, and Neil Young. Joan Baez has covered one of his songs; Stephen King named one of Ritter's albums the best of recent years, and David Letterman has requested him three times, so far.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to perform with Josh," said Michael Buttermann, the music director for the Boulder Phil. "He is exactly the sort of artist—innovative and original—that resonates with our community and makes for a perfect reflection of the spirit of Boulder."

Josh Ritter and his band have performed sold-out concerts with the backing of the Boston Pops, New York Pops, and the Minnesota Orchestra. Performing with the Boulder Phil marks the first time Ritter has performed with a symphony orchestra in the Western part of the United States. The concert is anticipated to be a rather rare and not-to-be-missed special event.

Single tickets and subscriptions for the Boulder Phil's full 2015-2016 season, *Reflections: The Spirit of Boulder*, are also on sale beginning July 15. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.boulderphil.org](http://www.boulderphil.org) or by calling 303-449-1343, ext. 2. Ticket prices range from \$13-\$70.

From an opening night, September 13, 2015, capturing the essence of storytelling and solo virtuosity to a grand finale with a semi-staged performance of a sacred oratorio, *St. Matthew Passion*, April 23 and 24, 2016, in Boulder and Denver, respectively, it's a rich and expanded season featuring great and new works, ballet and circus dancers, and a composer in residence—all with a connection that reflect the creative spirit of Boulder.

### **About the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra**

As one of Colorado's premier ensembles, the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra is bucking national trends with growing, enthusiastic audiences under the vision and leadership of Music Director Michael Buttermann. The Boulder Phil's main concert series—broadcast state-wide on Colorado Public Radio—is presented at Macky Auditorium, a historic jewel on the University of Colorado campus. During Michael Buttermann's tenure, the Boulder Phil's imaginative programming has resulted in increasing numbers of sold-out concerts and a 70% increase in subscriptions.

Founded in 1958, the Boulder Phil became a fully professional ensemble under the leadership of Theodore Kuchar, whose tenure as music director began in 1996. Today the Boulder Phil is increasingly in demand across the Denver metro area, with regular invitations to perform at the prestigious Vilar Performing Arts Center in Beaver Creek.

Under Michael Buttermann's direction, the Phil has welcomed composers such as Christopher Theofanidis, Daniel Kellogg, Rony Barak, Ruby Fulton, Philip Lasser, and Bill Douglas. The Boulder Phil has performed with many of classical music's greatest stars, including Itzhak Perlman, Hilary Hahn, Yo-Yo Ma, Mstislav Rostropovich, James Galway and Richard Stoltzman. The Boulder Phil dedicated an entire concert in collaboration with the world renowned Takács Quartet and has an ongoing relationship with violinist Sarah Chang, whose first orchestral appearance was with the Boulder Phil at age 8 just prior to her debut with the New York Philharmonic.

The Boulder Phil strives to inspire the next generation of music lovers through Discovery Concerts that have reached thousands of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in 28 schools across three counties. For decades the Phil has also fostered new talent with the annual Young Artist Concerto Competition, and Boulder Phil musicians provide mentorship through side-by-side youth orchestra concerts. In all these ways, the Boulder Phil strives to be at the center of our community's cultural fabric. For more information, visit [www.BoulderPhil.org](http://www.BoulderPhil.org).

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