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Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra Presents *Wings & Spirits*, October 11, 2014

Following its best-attended Opening Night concert in recent history, the [Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra](#) continues its season, *Legends: The Spirit of Boulder*, on Saturday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m. at [CU's Macky Auditorium](#).

"Our October concert, *Wings & Spirits*, explores the themes of spirituality and transcendence," said Music Director Michael Buttermann. "Richard Strauss reflects on life's essence in his masterpiece, the *Four Last Songs*, while shadowy figures haunt *Apparition* by Colorado composer Michael Udow. Colorful orchestration paints vivid images of famous mythical birds, including Stravinsky's stunning *Firebird*," said Buttermann.

Featured guest artists include [Brian Jones](#), the principal timpanist in the Dallas Symphony performing in *Apparition*, and [Twyla Robinson](#), the soprano soloist in *Four Last Songs*, who made her Opera Colorado debut as the Countess in *Le nozze di Figaro* in 2012.

Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra Concert: *Wings & Spirits*
Saturday, [October 11](#), 2014—7:30 p.m., Macky Auditorium, CU-Boulder
Pre-concert talk, 6:30 p.m., free to ticket-holders.

GRIFFES—*The White Peacock*
UDOW—*Apparition*, featuring Brian Jones, timpani
STRAVINSKY—Suite from *The Firebird* (1919)
SIBELIUS—*The Swan of Tuonela*
STRAUSS—*Four Last Songs*, featuring Twyla Robinson, soprano
Honoring the 150th Anniversary of Richard Strauss's birth

Tickets: \$13-\$70 (\$5 for students) at www.BoulderPhil.org and 303-449-1343, ext. 2.

"Café Phil" Free Open Rehearsal

Wednesday, [October 6](#), 7:30–10 p.m.

Watch up-close as Music Director Michael Buttermann works with the musicians of the Boulder Philharmonic to bring the music to life. Refreshments available for purchase. Dairy Center for the Arts, 2590 Walnut St. in Boulder.

Musical Hikes

Sunday, [October 5](#), 8–10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, [October 7](#), 5:30–7 p.m.

Paired with this Boulder Philharmonic concert are two bird-watching outings inspired by composers' fascination with birds. Join Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks naturalist Dave Sutherland for a bird-watching walk at Sawhill Ponds to search for local birds during the fall migration and explore ways that birds have been captured in classical music. Beautiful musical selections and fall colors guaranteed. Beginning bird watchers strongly encouraged. Bring binoculars if you have them and leave your dogs at home. Follow this link to the meeting place: <https://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/sawhill-ponds-trailhead>.

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