

Boulder Philharmonic Awarded “Music for Everyone” Grant for Deeper Community Reach

Project Seeded by Boulder Arts Commission Kicks Off on September 10 with Stroll-to Chamber Performances Along the Boulder Creek Bike Path, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra, one of Colorado’s premier professional ensembles, was recently awarded a \$10,000 project grant from the Boulder Arts Commission to provide wide-reaching opportunities for those interested in experiencing classical music. Called “Music for Everyone,” this program is designed to help make live orchestral music easily accessible to those who often don’t have the time or resources to attend a concert.

“We are thrilled to receive this grant to help expand our impact in the community,” said Boulder Phil Music Director Michael Buttermann, celebrating his tenth season with the orchestra. “While we already offer a wide variety of concerts and events, many of which are free of charge, ‘Music for Everyone’ will help us introduce even more people to the magic of live classical music.”

Funding for “Music for Everyone” will allow the Boulder Phil to reach deeper into the community to address issues of access and affordability by making tickets available to those interested—no questions asked—for the first three concerts in the 2016-2017 season. To register to receive free tickets to concerts on October 8, November 6, and December 10, visit www.BoulderPhil.org/musicforeveryone or call the Boulder Phil office at 303-449-1343.

The Boulder Phil kicks off “Music for Everyone” on Sept. 10, with stroll-to chamber performances along the Boulder Creek Path, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., featuring Boulder Phil string, wind, and percussion chamber ensembles stationed between the Boulder Farmers Market and the Boulder Public Library.

“Classical music belongs to everyone,” said Buttermann. “Performances like these bring our professional musicians into close contact with the public in unexpected ways. By presenting these performances outside and embedded within an urban setting, we hope to provide memorable community experiences to all who encounter them.”

The Boulder Phil presents concerts in Macky Auditorium on the CU Boulder campus, with \$5 student tickets and tickets offered without charge through local social service organizations. It also presents educational Discovery Concerts for elementary school students, in-school visits by chamber ensembles, free musical hikes with Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks, free open rehearsals, and free master classes in partnership with the University of Colorado Boulder’s College of Music.

About the Boulder Philharmonic

As one of Colorado’s premier professional ensembles, the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra is creating a new model for American orchestras through dynamic performances that reflect our community’s own values, creativity, and sense of place. Voted “Best of Boulder” for the past four years in a row, today’s Boulder Phil 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. From multi-genre productions featuring dance, choral, and visual elements to concerts with a unique hometown flavor, the Phil's imaginative programming has resulted in increasing numbers of sold-out concerts and nationwide notice in Symphony Magazine. In recent seasons the Phil has collaborated with an impressive 45 local organizations, encompassing arts, science, nature, youth, social services, and more. By going beyond simply performing great music, we strive to connect ever more people to the inspiring power of orchestral music.

Boulder Phil Selected to Perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, March 28, 2017

The Boulder Phil is honored to be one of only four orchestras selected to participate in the 2017 SHIFT Festival of American Orchestras at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. (March 27-April 2), providing a national platform to celebrate creativity and build community in our capital's premier concert venue. For more information on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and for subscriptions and tickets for the 2016-2017 season, visit www.BoulderPhil.org or call 303-449-1343.

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