

**A Declaration Expressing Appreciation for
The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra's 60 Years of Bringing Classical
Music to the City of Boulder and its Environs
September 24, 2017**

The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra has brought the entertaining and inspiring power of orchestral music to Boulder audiences since its founding in 1957 as a community orchestra. It performed under founding Music Director Antonia Brico, followed by Andor Toth, David Burge, James Stroud, Ozzi Lehnert, Theodor Kuchar, and current Maestro Michael Buttermann. It became a fully professional, union orchestra in 1996.

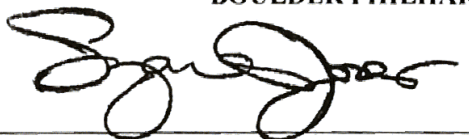
The Boulder Philharmonic's achievement of its mission -- *to reflect and foster all that makes Boulder special: its creativity, spirit, beauty, and quest for knowledge* -- was underscored last March when the Philharmonic was one of just four orchestras invited to perform at the SHIFT Festival of American Orchestras. Held at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., this festival showcases professional orchestras that uniquely reflect their local communities.

In building its community strengths, the Boulder Philharmonic has partnered with many local performing arts organizations, including the Boulder Ballet, Boulder Chorale, Boulder Bach Festival, Colorado Shakespeare Festival, Central City Opera, Frequent Flyers® Aerial Dance, and faculty from the University of Colorado Boulder College of Music. Among the world-renowned soloists who have joined the Boulder Philharmonic on stage are Sarah Chang, Itzhak Perlman, Nadia Salerno-Sonnenberg, Yo-Yo Ma, Sir James Galway, and Anne Akiko Myers.

The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra's *quest for knowledge* mission is reflected in expanding audience beyond the classical concerts in Macky Auditorium. Each year, its "Discovery Concerts" bring over 4000 local elementary school children to Macky Auditorium to experience the synergy between music and specific aspects of their school curriculum, such as science, history and social studies. The Philharmonic also reaches underserved community groups by providing free concerts at Macky and sensory-friendly concerts designed for children with autism and other disabilities. It continues a successful partnership with the City of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks, whose naturalist, Dave Sutherland, leads local "music and nature hikes."

The City Council of the city of Boulder, Colorado, expresses its sincere appreciation to the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra for the artistry, commitment to the community, and enrichments it has made to the city in the past sixty years and declares September 24, 2017, the day of its opening concert of the 2017-2018 season.

BOULDER PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA DAY



Suzanne Jones, Mayor

