

The Boulder Phil Announces Contract Extension for Music Director Michael Buttermann

The Boulder Philharmonic Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Michael Buttermann, who began his tenure as music director with the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra in the 2006-07 season, has agreed to extend his contract for another five years, taking him through the 2018-19 season.

"Michael is the face of classical music in Boulder," said Kyle Heckman, chair of the Boulder Phil Board of Directors. "He has done an amazing job in raising the bar for musical excellence, and he has engaged in our community, while also developing a terrific educational program with the Boulder Valley School District," said Heckman. "We are thrilled that he has extended his contract with us."

Subscriptions for the Boulder Phil have increased steadily throughout Buttermann's tenure, up 80% this year over the 2007-08 season. His imaginative programming has included collaborations with 45 local organizations, encompassing the arts, sciences, nature, youth, and social services. The Discovery Concert program he founded serves thousands of elementary students annually and has reached 28 schools. Buttermann has also led an expansion of the Boulder Philharmonic's regional presence with concerts in Arvada, Denver, Highlands Ranch, and Lakewood, as well as regular invitations to perform at the prestigious Vilar Performing Arts Center in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

"I've so enjoyed getting to know the wonderful people in the Boulder community and working with the many talented musicians, artists, and composers who make Boulder their home," said Buttermann. "Thanks to the community's support and engagement, our programming reflects Boulder's creative and entrepreneurial spirit. I look forward to the future, as the Phil builds on this foundation and continues to embrace the 'spirit of Boulder.'"

In addition to extending his contract with the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra, Buttermann recently extended his contract as music director with the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra for another four years. He is the resident conductor of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and the principal conductor for education and community engagement for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the first position of its kind in the United States. New to his portfolio is the music director position of the Pennsylvania Philharmonic, which is celebrating its inaugural season in 2014-15.

About the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra

The Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra is one of Colorado's premier ensembles, with growing, enthusiastic audiences under the vision and leadership of Music Director Michael Buttermann. The Boulder Phil's main concert series—broadcast statewide on Colorado Public Radio—is presented at Macky Auditorium on the University of Colorado campus. From multi-genre productions 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. Founded in 1958, the Boulder Phil today reaches audiences of over 20,000, with performances from Arvada to Highlands Ranch to the Vilar Performing Arts Center in Beaver Creek. The Boulder Phil reaches thousands of 4th and 5th grade students in 28 schools with its interactive Discovery Concerts, and fosters new talent with the annual Young Artist Concerto Competition and side-by-side youth orchestra concerts. Visit BoulderPhil.org.

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