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BROADCAST JOURNALIST GLORIA NEAL TO HOST COLORADO SYMPHONY BALL

CBS4 Evening News broadcaster Neal joins the Colorado Symphony Ball as master of ceremonies

DENVER – April 21, 2011 – The Colorado Symphony announced today that award-winning multi-media talent Gloria Neal will be the master of ceremonies for the upcoming Colorado Symphony Ball, featuring a soulful *and* joyful concert with The Temptations, plus the thrill of live and silent auctions. The Colorado Symphony Ball opens its doors at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 at the Sheraton Denver Plaza Ballroom, where guests won't be able to resist the many temptations of the evening, including a fabulous array of live and silent auction items. Neal, who you can see weeknights on the CBS4 Evening News, has generously donated her time and enthusiasm as the master of ceremonies of this spectacular night that culminates in a live concert with one of the most iconic bands in American music history.

It all begins with Bubbles & Baubles: a glass of champagne that could end in diamonds – diamond earrings, that is. With Bubbles & Baubles, attendees can purchase a glass of champagne and a pair of cubic zirconia earrings donated by Rachel Lubow of Jewelius for \$100. But, one of those pairs contains genuine diamonds. The lucky winner will be revealed as the champagne corks fly. All those who have the good fortune to attend this Motown-infused evening will enjoy a delectable gourmet dining and the charms of the auctions just before The Temptations hit the stage at 9 p.m. So don't be "too proud to beg" for these and many more tempting auction items – make your plans to attend and support the Colorado Symphony today!

Highlights of the live auction include:

- The once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to guest conduct the Colorado Symphony at the New Year's Eve concert
- A wonderful evening with a gourmet dinner prepared by Colorado Symphony President & CEO Jim Palermo
- An exclusive evening of fine wine with resident conductor Scott O'Neil
- An evening of beautiful music with concertmaster Yumi Hwang-Williams, including a traditional Korean dinner prepared by her mother Taesuk Cho for eight to 12 guests
- A trip to the 2011 Grammy® Awards, including airfare for two, two box seat tickets, and a two-night stay in premium Los Angeles property, and tickets to the AEG after party

The silent auction features hundreds of irresistible items, including:

- The Northern California Experience: Round trip tickets for two to San Francisco, a two-night night stay at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, two tickets to the San Francisco Symphony, a one-night stay at the Westin Versa Napa and a private tasting and tour of Silver Oak Winery.
- The Weekend of Pampering: A two-night Bed & Breakfast stay for two at the new Four Seasons Denver in a one-bedroom suite, plus two 50-minute massages, valet parking and a special welcome amenity from the General Manager.

About Gloria Neal

Gloria Neal is an award winning multi-media talent whose versatility has made her a much sought after personality. Neal's career highlights include covering the inauguration of President Barack Obama and interviewing the Prime Minister of Belize. For many years, she was the afternoon news anchor for Newsradio 850 KOA in Denver. In 2005, Neil embarked upon a new challenge —going from the AM side to the FM side of radio as the morning co-host on Jammin 92.5. From there, she joined the Denver Radio Company to continue her broadcasting career as the only woman solo-host of a morning drive radio show. Currently, you can see her every weeknight on the CBS4 Evening News.

Neal is also heavily involved in philanthropic and community driven causes. She will be the honorary chair for the National Kidney Foundation; she chairs the Community College of Denver Advisory Board; she is member of the Denver Metro Chamber Foundation Board and The Wildlife Experience Board, as well as the Spread Her Wings Board. Neal's achievements and community involvement have been featured in the *Denver Post*, *Denver Magazine*, *Denver Business Journal*, *Denver Woman Magazine*, *The Rocky Mountain News*, *5280 Magazine*, *In the Black* and *CORE* Magazines.

About the Colorado Symphony Ball

Each year, the Colorado Symphony reaches more than 220,000 concertgoers and 40,000 young students through concerts, outreach, and education programs. With more than 100 performances scheduled in the 2010/11 season, the Colorado Symphony is a vibrant year-round presence in our community. With ticket revenue covering only 50 percent of the Colorado Symphony's operating costs, the Symphony relies on the generosity of donors to make concerts and community engagement programs possible. This May, join the Colorado Symphony for a night of Motown magic – all in support of artistic, education and outreach programs. Proceeds from the 2011 Ball will enable the Colorado Symphony to continue its mission of *Entertaining* through artistic excellence, by *Engaging* with – and growing – audiences, by *Enriching* the lives of everyone we touch, and by *Educating* in the communities where we live and perform.

Late Night Colorado Symphony Ball Tickets

A late night ticket option is also available for everyone who wants to experience the thrills of a concert with The Temptations. Perfect for the younger and more budget-conscious crowd, these late night Symphony Ball tickets are available for \$95 each and include the full Temptations concert experience. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. for late night ticketholders, who will join the festivities already in-progress at the black tie and evening gown gala event. In addition to the concert with The Temptations, late night tickets also include dessert, a glass of wine or champagne, and DJ-hosted dancing following the concert.

Tickets are currently on sale at the Colorado Symphony Box Office and online at www.coloradosymphony.org. The deadline for purchase is Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

About The Temptations

One of the most iconic bands in American music history, The Temptations were founded by Otis Williams. Known for their precise choreography, distinct harmonies and flashy onstage suits, The Temptations are said to be as influential to soul as The Beatles are to pop and rock. Members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and listed as one of *Rolling Stone Magazine's* Top 50 Bands of All Time, The Temptations have four Grammy® Awards, 18 Number One Billboard singles, 23 Top Ten singles and 10 Top Ten albums. Featuring great songs such as "Just My Imagination (Running Away with Me)," "My Girl," "Get Ready," "Ain't Too Proud to Beg," "You're My Everything," "I Can't Get Next to You," "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," and Smokey Robinson's "The Way You Do the Things You Do," The Temptations continue to wow audiences around the world, delivering the unique Motown sound that made them famous.

About the Colorado Symphony

The state's only full-time professional orchestra, the Colorado Symphony embraces a tradition of musical excellence by presenting a diverse array of symphonic performances throughout the year. Originally established in 1989 as the Denver Symphony, the Colorado Symphony performs in Boettcher Concert Hall and throughout the Front Range, presenting outstanding education and outreach programs, as well as Masterworks, Pops, Holiday, Family, and the exciting new *Inside the Score* series that has attracted a historic level of first-time concertgoers. By presenting music that is both timeless and inspiring, while taking risks with new musical collaborations and interactive concerts, the Colorado Symphony is attracting more diverse and younger audiences than ever before. To date, 30 percent of the 2010/11 season concertgoers are new patrons. The increasing popularity of Colorado Symphony concerts as well as a strong fund-raising base not only re-affirms the artistic excellence of the orchestra, but also reflects the deep-rooted enthusiasm for symphonic music felt by so many individuals across the region. For more information about the Colorado Symphony, visit www.coloradosymphony.org.

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