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2010 DENVER DEBUTANTE BALL DONATES \$90,000 TO COLORADO SYMPHONY

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DENVER – March 14, 2011 – The Colorado Symphony extends its deepest thanks to the 2010 Denver Debutante Ball for its recent donation of \$90,000 in support of the Symphony. Since its inception in 1956, the Denver Debutante Ball has contributed \$4.2 million to the Colorado Symphony, making the Denver Debutante Ball one of the Symphony’s most unwavering and dedicated supporters for more than a half-century.

“The Denver Debutante Ball and the Colorado Symphony are both treasures of our state,” said Kevin Duncan, immediate past board chair, Colorado Symphony. “I was a debutante escort in the early eighties and now have had the privilege of escorting my own daughters down the stairs at the Brown Palace. It is one of Denver’s truly magical evenings.”

“Support from the Denver Debutante Ball has sustained and strengthened the Colorado Symphony over the course of its history,” said James W. Palermo, President & CEO, Colorado Symphony. “This wonderful event benefits not only the Symphony organization, but its myriad education programs that enrich Denver communities and schools. The far-reaching positive impacts of donations such as the Denver Debutante Ball’s will benefit Denver for years to come.”

The 55th annual Denver Debutante Ball took place in December 2010 at the Brown Palace Hotel. In attendance were honorary chairs Dennis and Betty Lynn Jackson, ball chair Dawn Wood and ball co-chair Judy Grant.

The Denver Debutante Ball was founded by community leaders Mrs. T. Mitchell Burns, president of the Denver Symphony Guild, and Miss Helen Black, manager of the Denver Symphony, who suggested a Debutante Ball as a benefit for the Denver Symphony. Mrs. Benjamin F. Stapleton (Katie) was the first chair and there were twelve debutantes that year. Mrs. Henry Van Schaack and Mrs. Gerald Phipps were both highly instrumental in developing the Ball into the successful event it has become.

About the Colorado Symphony

The region’s only full-time professional orchestra, the Colorado Symphony embraces a tradition of musical excellence by presenting a wide variety of symphonic performances. Established in 1989 as the

successor to the Denver Symphony, the Colorado Symphony is Colorado's only resident orchestra composed of professional musicians employed to play symphonic music on a full-time basis. From classical repertoire to innovative new forms, the Symphony performs in Boettcher Concert Hall and throughout the Front Range presenting outstanding education and outreach programs, and free summer parks concerts in addition to season-long Masterworks, Pops, Holiday, Family and *Inside the Score* series. Presenting music that is timeless and performing in ways that are forever new—the Colorado Symphony exists to bring music to life. Full of energetic new programs, exciting guest artists and a brand new roster of guest conductors from around the globe, the 2010/11 season offers something for everyone. For more information about the Colorado Symphony, visit www.coloradosymphony.org.

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