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COLORADO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES 2011/12 SEASON

***Renée Fleming, Olga Kern, Joshua Bell, Patti LuPone, Jim Brickman, David Nail and Natasha Paremski,
plus Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Ozomatli and Celtic Woman among artists set to headline
2011/12 Colorado Symphony season***

DENVER – February 16, 2011 – The Colorado Symphony today unveiled its spectacular 2011/12 season, featuring classical music’s shining stars and most cherished works, and a range of new collaborations that offer Denver music fans a feast for the ears. From One Night Only concerts with opera legend **Renée Fleming**, violin superstar **Joshua Bell**, and First Lady of Broadway **Patti LuPone**, to the thrill of the symphony orchestra debut of Grammy®-nominated country star **David Nail**, the Colorado Symphony’s 2011/12 season is a rich and varied musical panorama.

“This season, Masterworks concertgoers can look forward to an array of works from diverse traditions and different eras, featuring many of today’s most sought-after conductors and soloists,” said James W. Palermo, president and CEO, Colorado Symphony. “We are thrilled to welcome artists such as conductor **Yan Pascal Tortelier** for opening night; former music director and pianist **Jeffrey Kahane**, who returns to perform Beethoven; breathtaking violinists **Karen Gomyo**, **Caroline Goulding** and **Robert McDuffie**; as well as pianist **Olga Kern**, who has become a Denver favorite. This is unquestionably a breakthrough season for the Colorado Symphony.”

“In 2011/12, the Colorado Symphony continues to break new ground as we collaborate with artists and bands ranging from DeVotchKa and Ozomatli, to the wonderful Cleo Parker Robinson Dance and Ireland’s Celtic Woman in concerts that have the power to attract new audiences *and* delight experienced concertgoers,” continued Palermo. “2011/12 promises to be a season of inspiration, enrichment and unforgettable music for each and every concertgoer.”

Series Subscriptions and One Night Only sales for the new 2011/12 are now open to renewing 2010/11 season subscribers. The Colorado Symphony welcomes new patrons to purchase subscriptions beginning today, February 16, 2011. New seat assignments will be made in the order payment is received, and after current subscribers have been seated. Current subscribers can renew their subscriptions and secure their seats and shows until **April 15, 2011**. Only series subscribers have the opportunity to purchase advance tickets for One Night Only specials such as Renée Fleming, Joshua Bell, Patti LuPone and Celtic Woman. **Single tickets for the 2011/12 season will go on sale in August 2011.**

2011/12 COLORADO SYMPHONY MASTERWORKS SERIES

At the heart of Masterworks are masterpieces that music fans know and love. From Strauss to Saint-Saëns, Beethoven to Brahms, and Mozart to Mussorgsky, the 21-concert Masterworks Series sparkles with imagination and leaves the heart yearning for more. This season, the Colorado Symphony continues its fascinating search for a new music director and welcomes celebrated guest conductors from around the world. **Season highlights include:**

- Sept. 23 & 24, 2011: Opening night with conductor **Yan Pascal Tortelier** and the power and passion of **Strauss**
- Sept. 30, Oct. 1 & 2, 2011: **Jeffrey Kahane** returns as pianist in Beethoven's sparkling first concerto. Then, *The Planets "An HD Odyssey,"* a multimedia event combining the orchestra's live performance of Holst's orchestral suite with state-of-the-art NASA-generated images.
- Oct. 15 & 16, 2011: Conductor **Peter Oundjian**, Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, violinist **Robert McDuffie** and **Philip Glass's Violin Concerto No. 2**
- Oct. 21, 22 & 23, 2011: A rare performance of **Fauré's heavenly Requiem** with celebrated soloists **Karina Gauvin** and **Jonathan Beyer**, and conductor **Matthew Halls**
- Nov. 5 & 6, 2011: **All-Dvořák program** spotlighting his Eighth Symphony and beloved Piano Concerto, performed by audience favorite **Natasha Paremski**
- Nov. 18, 19 & 20, 2011: The **Cleo Parker Robinson Dance** ensemble joins the Colorado Symphony on stage in a dramatic retelling of Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*
- Jan. 13, 14 & 15, 2012: **Karen Gomyo** returns by popular demand to perform **Shostakovich's fierce violin concerto**
- Jan. 28 & 29, 2012: The sheer beauty of Oberthür's Concertino for Harp and Chamber Orchestra and **Saint-Saëns' "Organ Symphony"**
- Feb. 3 & 4: 2012: The evocative **Sibelius Violin Concerto** and Colorado debut of violin virtuoso **Caroline Goulding**
- Feb. 25 & 26, 2012: Concertmaster Yumi Hwang-Williams and principal cellist Silver Ainomäe team up in **Brahms' powerful and enchanting Double Concerto**: a star-studded combination!
- March 16 & 17, 2012: **Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3** with Ukrainian piano phenom **Valentina Lisitsa**
- April 13 & 14, 2012: The music of **young American composer Kevin Puts** and conductor **Laureate Marin Alsop**

- April 20 & 21, 2012: A varied program of new and favored works highlights the talents of German conductor **Christoph König** and cellist **Alban Gerhardt**
- May 18, 19 & 20, 2012: The return of pianist **Olga Kern** – this time in Grieg’s timeless concerto, whose first phrase is among the most dramatic ever penned.
- June 1 & 2, 2012: **Mahler’s** epic hymn to nature, the **Symphony No. 3**

2011/12 ONE NIGHT ONLY SPECIAL CONCERT EVENTS

JOSHUA BELL – Sept. 18, 2011

Violinist Joshua Bell has enchanted audiences worldwide with his breathtaking virtuosity and tone of rare beauty. He came to national attention at age 14 and for decades since, his recordings and performances have earned him the rare title of “classical music superstar.”

PATTI LUPONE – Oct. 29, 2011

This First Lady of the American Broadway theater has more Tony® Awards and film credits than you can shake a stick at. Lead roles in *Gypsy*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Anything Goes* and *Oliver!* are just a few of this legendary performer’s triumphs. Patti LuPone skyrocketed to international stardom in Andrew Lloyd Webber’s *Evita* and has never looked back. Television credits such as *Frasier*, *Law & Order* and *Life Goes On* have solidified this versatile artist’s universal appeal. LuPone pays tribute to the Broadway that raised her in selections from favorite musicals.

CELTIC WOMAN – Dec. 21, 2011

Audiences have fallen in love with Celtic Woman via PBS specials and live arena performances that feature the Irish female vocal ensemble performing a mix of Celtic, New Age and Adult Contemporary music. On their first American symphonic holiday tour, Celtic Woman’s holiday celebration will warm your heart with their distinctive take on classic Christmas songs and carols.

RENÉE FLEMING – March 10, 2012

One of the most beloved and celebrated musical ambassadors of our time, soprano Renée Fleming captivates audiences with her sumptuous voice, consummate artistry and compelling stage presence. Known as ‘the people’s diva’ and named the number one female singer in 2010, she continues to grace the world’s greatest opera stages and concert halls.

2011/12 COLORADO SYMPHONY POPS SERIES

In 2011/12, the Colorado Symphony’s star-studded Pops Series offers an exhilarating new twist on programming. Concerts spotlight audience favorites such as Jim Brickman and Riders in the Sky, the fresh sounds of country star David Nail and the sizzling fusion of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. Plus, the Pops continues to break new ground with history-in-the-making collaborations with indie music stars DeVotchKa and Ozomatli, plus additional artists to-be-announced. **Season highlights include:**

- Sept. 17, 2011: **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy** – The pioneering California band that fuses classic American sounds from jazz, swing, Dixieland and the Big Band era
- Oct. 8, 2011: The symphony orchestra debut of Grammy®-nominated country recording artist **David Nail** of *Red Light* and *Turning Home* fame
- Nov. 12, 2011: The music of **Ozomatli** – a mingling of urban-Latino-and-beyond will take you around the world by taking you around the musical cultures of L.A.!
- Jan. 21, 2012: Western music icons **Riders In The Sky** during the 2012 National Western Stock Show
- Feb. 10, 2012: A **Valentine's-inspired event** with romantic piano sensation **Jim Brickman**, who has revolutionized the sound of solo piano with pop-style instrumentals
- Feb. 18, 2012: Denver's iconic indie band **DeVotchKa** makes a rare orchestral appearance
- May 5, 2012: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Colorado Symphony and Mariachi Cobre straight from Epcot Center!

2011/12 COLORADO SYMPHONY INSIDE THE SCORE SERIES

The Colorado Symphony's popular *Inside the Score* series continues in 2011/12 as concertgoers explore the worlds of Mozart, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky, while also delving into the workings of a film score and the devilish virtuosity of Gypsy Fiddlers. From seasoned concertgoers to those discovering the joys of symphonic music, each *Inside the Score* concert illuminates the rich stories behind the music –from dramatic tales of romantic inspiration to the heart of the composer's genius. **Season highlights include:**

- Oct. 7, 2011: **Henry and Me** – How does a film score come to life? First, **film composer Charles Denler** shares a secret glimpse into the filmmaking process. Then, enjoy the western premiere of the animated film *Henry and Me*, starring Richard Gere and Cyndi Lauper.
- Oct. 28, 2011: **The Devil's Fiddler** – When the devil went down to Denver, he was no match for **Roby Lakatos**! The famed Gypsy fiddler joins the Colorado Symphony for **The Devil's Fiddler** – performing authentic Gypsy music from around the world.
- Jan. 20, 2012: **Letters from Mozart** – What was Mozart really like? **Letters from Mozart** explores the man behind the music as narrators read from his personal letters in a celebration of his most famous works.

- April 27, 2012: **Who killed Tchaikovsky?** Join *Inside the Score* as former music director Jeffrey Kahane returns to take a second look at the mystery behind the composer's sudden demise. This fantastic journey features highlights of Tchaikovsky's most beloved compositions and more.
- May 25, 2012: **Flamenco!** Classical compositions inspired by Flamenco find a place alongside folkloric gems on this one-of-a-kind concert presentation featuring world-renowned guitarists, singers and dancers.

2011/12 COLORADO SYMPHONY FAMILY SERIES

The Colorado Symphony's Family Series is an ideal introduction to the magical world of the orchestra. Presented in a welcoming setting that encourages families to enjoy great music together, these concerts have the power to pique the curiosity of children of all ages. **Season highlights include:**

- Oct. 30, 2011: **Halloween Spooktacular!** It's trick or treat time with the Colorado Symphony. Get ready for thrills, chills and a ghoulish selection of spooky classics.
- Nov. 27, 2011: Discover the exhilarating world of percussion at **Drums of the World**.
- Dec. 10, 2011: Celebrate the magic of the season at a special **Colorado Christmas matinée**.
- Jan. 22, 2012: **Mozart: The Wonder Child** – Introduce your youngest music fan to the brilliance of Mozart and re-awaken your own love for his magnificent music.
- April 29, 2012: **Tchaikovsky Discovers America** – Escape with enchanted fairytales and explore the music of Tchaikovsky's famous ballets, *The Nutcracker*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *Swan Lake*.

2011/12 COLORADO SYMPHONY HOLIDAY CONCERTS

This holiday season, celebrate peace, harmony and beautiful music together with the Colorado Symphony. Indulge in concerts infused with the true holiday spirit, such as the breathtaking *Messiah by Candlelight* and the heartwarming *Colorado Christmas*. Make your season bright with the Colorado Symphony! **Holiday highlights include:**

- Dec. 9, 10 & 11, 2012: **Colorado Christmas** – It's time to Deck the Hall, Boettcher Concert Hall that is! Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit through time-honored carols and your favorite Christmas music.
- Dec. 13, 14 & 18, 2011: **Messiah by Candlelight** – Indulge in a magnificent choral masterpiece that is a holiday tradition the world over. It simply wouldn't be the holidays without the resounding "Hallelujah" chorus!

- Dec. 16 & 17, 2011: **Too Hot to Handel** – The name says it all! Join Marin Alsop for this entertaining R&B, jazz and gospel reworking of Handel’s *Messiah*.
- Dec. 30, 2011: **Bugs Bunny at the Symphony** – “What’s up, Doc?” Share the magic of a family trip to the Symphony as Looney Tunes anthems, songs and more are accompanied by classic animation.
- Dec. 31, 2011: **A Night in Vienna** – On New Year’s Eve, let the beautiful artistry of the Colorado Symphony and classic polkas, waltzes, marches and more transport you to the ballrooms of Vienna.

Editors: A brochure for the full 2011/12 season concert is available at www.coloradosymphony.org. Artist bios, high-resolution photography and additional concert details are also available upon request.

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Season Subscriptions: For more information about season subscriptions and renewals, please contact the Colorado Symphony Box Office: (303) 623-7876 or (877) 292-7979 or in-person in the lobby of Boettcher Concert Hall in the Denver Performing Arts Complex. Hours are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

[All concert dates and times may be subject to change.](#)

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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