

the colorado symphony



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**INDULGE IN PERFECT SUMMER EVENINGS AT COLORADO SYMPHONY
SUMMER SEASONINGS CONCERTS**

***Best of Beethoven, John Williams and Russian Masters featured in three concert series;
new alfresco pre-concert dining option serves up perfect summer evenings***

DENVER – June 6, 2011 – Summer comes alive at Boettcher Concert Hall with *Summer Seasonings*, the Colorado Symphony's new three concert series featuring the masterworks of Beethoven, John Williams and Russian Masters such as Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov. *Summer Seasonings* at Boettcher Concert Hall Presented by PCL is a fresh, new offering that combines beautiful summer evenings with wonderful Colorado Symphony concerts featuring a fascinating exploration of Beethoven's masterworks, music from award-winning film scores such as *Star Wars* and *Harry Potter*, and audience favorites of the great Russian Masters. Scheduled for three successive Friday nights, tickets for *Summer Seasonings* concerts currently start from \$15 per concert and are on sale now.

Summer Seasonings also offers pre-concert fine dining on the Galleria just outside the Boettcher Concert Hall doors and the chance to enjoy dinner while watching the setting sun, with live music to top off the mood. Each Friday evening features a different yet equally delicious menu offering. Live outdoor musical performances and bar service will begin at 5:00 p.m. each evening, and dinner service will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. Patrons will need to arrive for dinner by 5:15 p.m. to be seated. The dining option is \$50 per person and includes a three-course meal and a glass of champagne, coffee or tea. Patrons can reserve seating by the Monday before the concert at <http://tickets.coloradosymphony.org> or by calling the Colorado Symphony box office at (303) 623-7876.

BEST OF BEETHOVEN: FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2011 AT 7:30 P.M.

Back by popular demand, this very first *Inside the Score* concert was a huge hit among symphony patrons! See it again, or for the first time, as resident conductor Scott O'Neil serves up Beethoven's greatest delicacies, including the *Leonore Overture No. 3*, the famous opening of his Fifth Symphony, and the *Moonlight Sonata*.

Best of Beethoven Summer Seasonings Menu:

Strawberry Fields Salad

Fresh crisp mixed greens, sliced strawberries, blackberries and raspberries with crumbled goat cheese, spiced pecans and cornbread croutons, strawberry and white balsamic vinaigrette

Wildflower Honey and Balsamic Chicken

French cut breast of chicken marinated with wild flower honey and balsamic vinegar presented with stone fruit salsa, tri-color cous cous pilaf and fresh seasonal vegetables

OR

Orange Glazed Salmon

Citrus and chive marinated salmon presented with orange cranberry glaze, wild rice pilaf and fresh vegetable medley

Tiramisu Parfait

Espresso, mascarpone, chocolate and lady fingers

JOHN WILLIAMS SPECTACULAR: FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2011 AT 7:30 P.M.

You know the movies... you love the music! Join the Colorado Symphony and resident conductor Scott O'Neil as we celebrate John Williams' most memorable classics from movies such as *E.T.*, *Jurassic Park*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Schindler's List*, *Harry Potter*, and of course, *Star Wars*. A perfect night for the whole family!

John Williams Spectacular Summer Seasonings Menu:**Southwest Salad**

Roasted corn, charred onions, tomatoes, cilantro, cumin scented croutons and cojita cheese tossed with fresh crisp romaine, served with chile lime vinaigrette

Tarragon Citrus Chicken

Pan seared tarragon and citrus marinated breast of chicken presented with pistachio and cheese polenta cake, grilled apricot and sweet onion chutney and tarragon lemon jus

OR

Grilled Center Cut Pork Loin Chop

Sweet and spicy honey chipotle barbeque sauce whipped sweet potatoes, haricot verts with shaved red onion and crisp bacon

Lemon Meringue Tartlet

Ginger blueberry compote, toasted meringue and raspberry coulis

RUSSIAN MASTERPIECES: FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011 AT 7:30 P.M.

Russian Masters take center stage in this concert featuring popular works such Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* Fantasy Overture. Resident conductor Scott O'Neil and the Colorado Symphony treat you to all your favorites, including Prokofiev's *Montagues and Capulets* (also known as *Dance of the Knights*),

Shostakovich's *Festive Overture* in A Major, Op. 96, and Rimsky-Korsakov's *The Flight of the Bumblebee* – the orchestral interlude written for his opera, *The Tale of Tsar Saltan*.

Russian Masterpieces Summer Seasonings Menu:

Baby Spinach Salad

Fresh baby spinach tossed with marinated red and yellow teardrop tomatoes, sliced cucumbers, hardboiled eggs, candied pecans and Craisins®, served with mustard vinaigrette

Grilled Flat Iron Steak

Brandied green peppercorn demi glace, parmesan cheese au gratin potatoes, grilled vegetable medley

OR

Tuscan Breast of Chicken

Fresh herb and garlic marinated breast of chicken presented over wild mushroom and grilled artichoke ragu, mashed red potatoes and sautéed yellow squash and zucchini

Toffee & Caramel Bread Pudding

Seasonal berries, white chocolate sauce and whipped cream

Each evening also features the following vegetarian option:

Gnocchi

Sautéed potato dumplings tossed with grilled asparagus, sun-dried tomatoes, shallots, roasted yellow peppers and mushrooms with sweet basil pesto

Tickets: Tickets for all Colorado Symphony summer concerts are on sale now at www.coloradosymphony.org, 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.

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 successor to 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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