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COLORADO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES MASK AND VACCINE MANDATES FOR UPCOMING BOETTCHER CONCERT HALL PERFORMANCES

Beginning October 1, 2021 all patrons must provide proof of full vaccination and wear facial coverings at all Boettcher Concert Hall performances

Aug. 25, 2021 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony announces that it will require facial coverings for indoor public performances at Boettcher Concert Hall beginning September 1, 2021 and joins the resident companies of the Denver Performing Arts Complex — Colorado Ballet, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, and Opera Colorado — in requiring both proof of full vaccination and facial coverings for indoor public performances starting October 1, 2021.

Effective September 1, 2021, and continuing indefinitely, the Colorado Symphony will require facial coverings for indoor, public performances in Boettcher Concert Hall.

Effective October 1, 2021, and continuing indefinitely, the resident companies of the Denver Performing Arts Complex will require proof of full COVID-19 vaccination and facial coverings for indoor, public performances. The new policy states:

- All patrons 12+ must be fully vaccinated by the date of performance.
 - "Full vaccination" means the performance date must be at least 14 days after the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine, or at least 14 days after a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine.
- All audience members 2+ must wear facial coverings unless enjoying concessions in designated areas. Food and beverages will not be permitted inside the concert hall.
- Children under the age of 12 unable to attain proof of vaccination must instead provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours of the performance start time, or a negative COVID-19 antigen test taken within six hours of the performance start time.

This announcement contains joint messaging from the resident companies listed above in an effort to protect audiences and the community from illness and to slow the transmission of COVID-19. Patron feedback has also indicated that the implementation of these protocols would alleviate many concerns about attending indoor performances.

"Over the past 18 months, health and safety of our patrons, musicians, and staff has remained top priority" said Jerome H. Kern, Colorado Symphony Board Chair and CEO. "We want the safest possible return to live symphonic performances for our community."



"In addition to this new policy, we have introduced contactless digital tickets," Kern continued. "With this and other protocols in place, we're hopeful a return – albeit unusual – to live music will be celebrated."

The policy going into effect October 1, 2021 will apply to all ticketed public performance taking place in Boettcher Concert Hall, Ellie Caulkins Opera House, and the Buell, Garner Galleria, Wolf, Kilstrom, Singleton and Jones theatres.

This policy and additional information are posted at coloradosymphony.org. The way in which proof of vaccination will be accepted/collected will be forthcoming. Visit coloradosymphony.org for the most upto-date information or review your pre-concert emails for up-to-date concert attendance procedures and requirements.

For additional questions, please contact <u>tickets@coloradosymphony.org</u>.

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TICKETS:

Tickets to Colorado Symphony events are available online at <u>coloradosymphony.org/tickets</u> or by phone at 303.623.7876. The Box Office is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

ABOUT THE COLORADO SYMPHONY:

The Colorado Symphony Association is the region's only full-time professional orchestra committed to artistic excellence and ensuring the future of live, symphonic music. Performing over 150 concerts annually at Boettcher Concert Hall in downtown Denver and across Colorado, your Colorado Symphony is home to eighty full-time musicians, representing more than a dozen nations, and regularly welcomes the most celebrated artists from all genres of music. During the COVID-19 health pandemic, we worked to safely produce over 50 concerts with and without audiences, including: 18 Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre performances, two large scale virtual community benefit concerts, and dozens of small ensemble concerts performed in numerous outdoor venues like the Denver Performing Arts Complex Galleria, Denver Zoo, and Denver Botanic Gardens. Our virtual #PlayOn campaigns garnered 2 million



views between our Virtual Music Hour, Weekly Replay, From Home Concerts, and MusiCurious Instrument Interviews. Recognized as an incubator of innovation, creativity, and excellence, your Colorado Symphony continually expands its through education, outreach, and programming. We partner with the state's leading musical artists, cultural organizations, corporations, foundations, sports teams, and individuals to expose diverse audiences to the power of symphonic orchestral music. To learn more, visit coloradosymphony.org.