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VSA Season 49 Postponed

Montrose, CO – In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic and following the City of Montrose, Montrose County, State of Colorado, CDC, and Federal agencies' recommendations, the Valley Symphony Association (VSA) Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to postpone the balance of their Season 49 concerts at the Montrose Pavilion until further notice, including:

- March 29 spring chorus concert, "Heaven & Bluegrass"
- April 26 spring orchestra concert, "Salutes & Tributes: From Popular to Patriotic"

The VSA is a regional all-volunteer arts organization in its 49th season. Musicians from 14-94 hail from throughout the Uncompahgre and North Fork Valleys.

"The VSA will attempt to find another way to present the concerts," VSA board president Hartland Clubb said. "The board will meet in early April to reassess the situation and determine then whether the concerts can be rescheduled or must be canceled." The organization will keep patrons informed with updated information via their email list, website, and Facebook page.

In light of this unprecedented situation, the VSA is asking supporters to consider a donation to the group. "While our volunteer musicians would certainly rather

perform these concerts for our loyal audiences and our generous supporters and sponsors, postponing is the right thing to do for now,” Clubb said. If the season is ultimately canceled, the VSA is asking that symphony enthusiasts consider unused tickets as a donation, purchasing future season tickets, and/or offering a donation to support them through this uncertain period as they approach and plan for their 50th season.

“We ask that ticketholders wait into April to see whether we can reschedule our remaining season 49 concerts,” Clubb said. The organization has, however, outlined a refund policy, should the need arise. Refunds will be considered after April 11th.

1. If the March and April concerts are rescheduled, tickets for those performances will gladly be accepted to the rescheduled performances.
2. Account credit toward 2020-2021 ticket purchases will be an option.

The organization extended a special thanks to their March and April concert partners, TEI Rock Drills and Go Big Banners, for their unwavering support. Sue Frank, president of TEI Rock Drills, said, “The VSA has been a proud cultural institution on the Western Slope for 49 years. The benefits of having a symphony orchestra in our midst are numerous and important, as a vibrant arts community improves the quality of life of our employees and communities.” Ken Holyfield, owner of Go Big Banners, echoed Frank’s sentiments: “We’re happy to do what we can to help make the music possible, even if we have to wait a while to hear it.”

For developing information about the balance of Season 49 concerts, visit ValleySymphony.net or Facebook @ValleySymphonyAssociation. Any questions and concerns may be directed to 970-275-8676 or info@valleysymphony.net.

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About the Valley Symphony Association

The power of music to bind generations.

Since 1970, the Valley Symphony Association orchestra and chorus has culturally enriched the community and its members by bringing together some of the best volunteer musicians from the North Fork and Uncompahgre Valleys to discover and present works of great composers, past and present. Performance styles range from classical orchestral to upbeat pop, from purely instrumental to a combination of orchestra and chorus.