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**Bringing Classical Music to Life:
Spring Orchestra Concert Heralds
“Rites of Spring: Rhythms of Nature”**

Montrose, CO – The Valley Symphony Association (VSA) presents, “Rites of Spring: Rhythms of Nature,” on Saturday, April 20 at 6:30pm, and Sunday, April 21, at 3pm, at the Montrose Pavilion. For the final concert of the VSA’s season 52, the audience is encouraged to, “...let the beauty of the music enrich your spirit and feed your soul as we celebrate the season of renewal with music to inspire and delight.” Spring orchestra concerts are presented in partnership with season co-partners Cimarron Wealth Management and the David Mize Family along with concert partner Go Big Banners.

“Spring conjures visions of renewal and flourishing, and here on the Western Slope, we witness a diverse array of weather patterns, eagerly observing as the season’s fresh growth sets the stage for summer’s activities,” VSA Music Director & Orchestra Conductor Troy Raper said. “The music showcased in this concert will echo the invigorating spirit of spring, delving into the natural rhythms of the world around us. Anticipate a diverse selection of uplifting and rhythmic melodies as we conclude our concert series with a celebration of the season’s vibrancy.”

The VSA is a regional all-volunteer performing arts organization in its 52nd season. From high schoolers to retirees, musicians from all ages and walks of life hail from throughout the Uncompahgre, Grand, Gunnison, and North Fork Valleys and come together to bring classical music to life on the Western Slope.

“Our concerts take thousands of volunteer manhours to put together, and our musician members are your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, and fellow citizens from throughout the region—representing 14 Western Slope cities and towns—who offer their time and talent to produce concerts we are truly proud to present,” VSA Board President Hartland H. Clubb, Jr., said. “It’s so rare and special that we on the Western Slope have access to experience the joy—and fun—of live classical and choral music

through the VSA. These concerts are specially designed to appeal to all ages, so please join us to see and hear what we're all about!"

For information, visit the VSA on Facebook @valleysymphonyassociation or at ValleySymphony.net. Tickets for all season 52 concerts at the Montrose Pavilion are also available online; in Delta at Clubb's (417 Main St); and in Montrose at season co-partner Cimarron Wealth Management (1731 E Niagara Rd) and Colorado Smiles (1808 E Pavilion Pl). Other inquiries may be directed to 970-765-8323 or info@ValleySymphony.net. Help support the VSA's new YouTube channel, "Valley Symphony Association - Montrose, Colorado," by subscribing.

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About the Valley Symphony Association

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

Our goal is to ensure that future generations will enjoy the legacy of live orchestral and choral music that so magnificently celebrates the human spirit.

About Our Season Co-Partners

Cimarron Wealth Management strives to simplify your financial life and give you confidence about your future so you can focus on your passions. It starts with the foundation of investment, estate and tax planning discussions, but our passion is honest conversations about purpose, legacy and generosity. "In a world that is increasingly digital and distant, there is something extraordinarily special about bringing community together for a common purpose, and for over 52 years, the VSA has been at the center of this effort," Michael Murphy, wealth advisor with CWM, said. "The VSA enriches the community with live music; they give a diverse group of musicians an outlet for creating art and beauty; and they remain dedicated to passing on musical traditions to future generations. We will be cheering them on at each concert this year, and we hope you will, too."

The David Mize Family has quietly and generously supported all types of Western Slope non-profit organizations for decades and is a longstanding donor to the VSA.