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VSA Updates on Season 49 and Approaching Season 50

Montrose, CO – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Valley Symphony Association (VSA) Board of Directors previously announced that the balance of their season 49 concerts at the Montrose Pavilion had been postponed. Updated information about season 49 as well as their upcoming 50th season has become available.

"The VSA will continue to monitor and follow the City of Montrose, Montrose County, State of Colorado, CDC, and Federal agencies' recommendations as they evolve regarding the coronavirus and large group gathering like our concerts," said VSA board president Hartland Clubb. "The VSA holds paramount the health and safety of our members, stakeholders, audience, and board. We understand that health, work, recreation, and travel require decisions that individuals must make for themselves."

The March 29 spring chorus concert, "Heaven & Bluegrass," has be rescheduled to Sunday, October 4, at 3pm at the Montrose Pavilion. March tickets will be honored, and tickets will also be sold at the door.

The April 26 spring orchestra concert, "Salutes & Tributes: From Popular to Patriotic," that was to be performed with the Valley Youth Orchestras, is

canceled. The VSA asks that symphony enthusiasts consider their unused tickets as a donation to the nonprofit organization.

Plans for the VSA's 50th anniversary season are underway. The VSA is a regional all-volunteer arts organization founded in 1970. Volunteer musicians from 14-94 make up the group and hail from throughout the Uncompander and North Fork Valleys. Pops in the Park concerts in early September in Cedaredge (9/12) and Montrose (9/13) in will mark the start of the group's 50th season.

"Given the fluidity of this unprecedented situation, it's especially important to sign up on the VSA website to receive SymphonE News," said VSA publicist Stacey Ryan. She explained that this email list is the best way for the group to communicate proactively and in a timely manner with interested parties. "As the situation continues to unfold, the webpage and Facebook page will be updated as news and information becomes available."

"While our volunteer musicians would certainly rather perform for our loyal audiences and our generous supporters and sponsors, in light of these extraordinary times, we would certainly be grateful for any donations to support us through this uncertain period as we approach and plan for our 50th season," Clubb said.

For developing information about Season 50, 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 Uncompandere 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.