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CBS4 INDEPENDENCE EVE presented by BBVA Compass
THE COLORADO SYMPHONY & THE CIVIC CENTER CONSERVANCY
ANNOUNCE DETAILS FOR SECOND-ANNUAL JULY 3RD FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT
FEATURING LIGHT SHOW, FIREWORKS FINALE AND LIVE TV BROADCAST

(DENVER, CO) The **Civic Center Conservancy** and the **Colorado Symphony** announce details for their second-annual free community concert and fireworks display on **Sunday, July 3, 2011**, at **Denver's Civic Center Park** (Colfax & Broadway) beginning at **8:00 p.m.** Renamed **CBS4 Independence Eve presented by BBVA Compass**, the event is **free and open to the public** – coinciding with the beginning of the Colorado Symphony's summer season and the completion of Better Denver bond-funded restoration of Civic Center's Broadway Terrace. **CBS4 will broadcast the event live statewide from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

"An iconic tradition was born in Civic Center Park last year – one that celebrates community, culture, country and our historic Civic Center itself," said **Civic Center Conservancy Executive Director Lindy Eichenbaum Lent**. "We're delighted this award-winning event is quickly becoming an annual tradition in Metro Denver, helping to engage more people in Civic Center's future. Thanks to our new partnership with CBS4, people throughout Colorado and beyond will be able to experience the incredible sights and sounds of Independence Eve. We are grateful to BBVA Compass, Anadarko, the City and County of Denver, and all of the event's sponsors and partners for providing this incredible gift to our community."



the colorado symphony

"Independence Eve in Civic Center Park has already become a popular Denver tradition," said **Colorado Symphony President & CEO James W. Palermo**. "Last year's concert was a major success and this year we are expecting even larger crowds who will thrill to the Colorado Symphony performing great American favorites in Denver's 'front yard.' The state's preeminent orchestra performing in Denver's iconic park on our most cherished national holiday - it just doesn't get any better than that."

The Colorado Symphony concert will be led by Resident Conductor Scott O'Neil and feature the *Star Spangled Banner* (Key), *Fanfare for the Common Man* (Copland), *Jubilee from Symphonic Sketches* (Chadwick), "Three Dance Episodes" from *On the Town* (Bernstein), *A Lincoln Portrait* (Copland), *Armed Forces Salute* (Arr. Lowden), *Overture 1812* (Tchaikovsky), *America The Beautiful* (Ward), *Colonel Bogey March* (Ricketts), *Stars & Stripes Forever* (Sousa).

The **CBS4 Independence Eve Celebration presented by BBVA Compass** will be accented with an innovative light show on the Denver City and County Building and a stunning fireworks display. Lawn seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; arriving early is greatly encouraged, as are blankets or low-rise concert/beach chairs. Attendees are welcome to bring their own picnics; concessions will also be available on-site. The event will take place rain or shine.

"BBVA Compass is pleased to support this year's Independence Eve Celebration, an event that is sure to become a tradition in Denver," said **Denver City President Cedric Buchanon**. "Civic Center Park is important to so many that work and live in Denver, and we are pleased to be a part of a program that works to conserve and honor the park."

The **CBS4 Independence Eve Celebration presented by BBVA Compass** is made possible by the generous support of the following community partners: **BBVA Compass, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Arts & Venues Denver, PCL Construction, VISIT DENVER, Comcast and Waste Management**. Special thanks to our media partners **CBS4 and The Denver Post Community**.

"CBS4 is excited to partner with the Civic Center Conservancy and the Colorado Symphony to televise the Independence Eve concert live from Civic Center Park on July 3 from 8-10pm," **CBS4 General Manager Walt DeHaven** said. "We look forward to bringing this spectacular concert, light show and fireworks display into the hearts and homes of the people of Colorado."

Civic Center is easily accessible by light rail, bus, bicycle or the **16th Street FREE MallRide** and use of public transportation is encouraged. Information on nearby **B-cycle** bike-sharing locations is available at www.denver.bcycle.com. Parking is available at nearby surface lots and parking garages, including the **Central Parking lots/garages** at 1530 Cleveland Place, Denver Pavilions (15th & Welton), 1256 Delaware, 1440 Tremont, 1200-1300 blocks of Cherokee and 1745 Sherman. For more details on downtown parking options, please visit www.experiencedowntowndenver.com. Please note that one block of both Bannock and Cherokee will be closed between 14th Avenue Parkway and Colfax. A close-in drop-off location will be available at the corner of 14th Avenue Parkway and Bannock.

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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, visit www.coloradosymphony.org.

CIVIC CENTER CONSERVANCY

Formed in 2004, the Civic Center Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the City and County of Denver restore, enhance and activate Civic Center Park. Through programs such as the Civic Center EATS Outdoor Café, Bike-In Movie Series and Independence Eve; advocacy around design, infrastructure and policy issues; fundraising for capital improvements, activities and initiatives that support and revitalize the park, the Civic Center Conservancy aims to elevate and sustain Civic Center Park as Denver's vibrant, iconic community and cultural hub. For more information, please visit www.civiccenterconservancy.org.

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