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CIVIC CENTER SOUNDS INDEPENDENCE EVE CELEBRATION

CIVIC CENTER CONSERVANCY, THE COLORADO SYMPHONY & DENVER OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCE FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT ON JULY 3 FEATURING LIGHT SHOW & FIREWORKS FINALE

(DENVER, CO) The **Civic Center Conservancy**, **The Colorado Symphony** and the **Denver Office of Cultural Affairs** announce detailed plans for a free community concert and fireworks display on **Saturday, July 3, 2010**, at **Denver's Civic Center Park** (14th Avenue & Broadway) beginning at **8:00 p.m.** The event, which is **free and open to the public**, coincides with the beginning of both the Biennial of the Americas and The Colorado Symphony's summer season – as well as the completion of Better Denver bond-funded restoration of Civic Center's historic Greek Theater and Voorhies Memorial and the forthcoming launch of a capital campaign aimed at implementing the Civic Center enhancements identified in the 2005 Civic Center Park Master Plan.

“Located at the convergence of our civic, cultural and commercial realms, there is no better place to celebrate our country's birthday than in the historic Civic Center Park,” said **Mayor John Hickenlooper**. “One can only hope that this inaugural event becomes an annual tradition in metro Denver and engages more people in Civic Center's future. We are grateful to the Civic Center Conservancy, The Colorado Symphony, the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs and all of the event's sponsors and partners for providing this celebratory gift to our community.”

The Colorado Symphony concert will be led by Associate Conductor Scott O'Neil and feature the *Star Spangled-Banner* (Key), the *National Emblem March* (Bagley), *The Typewriter* and *Bugler's Holiday* (Andersen), *An American in Paris* (Gershwin), *The Gladiator March* and *The Thunderer March* (Sousa), *Saturday Night Waltz from Rodeo* (Copland), *America the Beautiful* (Arr. Dragon), the *Armed Forces Salute* (Arr. Lowden), the *1812 Overture* (Tchaikovsky) and *Stars and Stripes Forever* (Sousa). The finale of the orchestra performance will be timed with the beginning of the fireworks display.

“We are thrilled that the Colorado Symphony is a partner in presenting what is sure to become Denver's signature Independence Eve celebration,” said **Colorado Symphony President and CEO James W. Palermo**. “How fitting that the state's preeminent orchestra is performing in Denver's ‘front yard’ on our most cherished national holiday.”

The Independence Eve Celebration will be accented with an innovative light show on the Denver City and County Building and a stunning fireworks finale. Lawn seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; blankets or low-rise concert/beach chairs are encouraged. Attendees are welcome to bring their own picnics; concessions will also be present on-site. In the event of rain, the concert may have a delayed start or be cancelled – but the fireworks will continue at 9:15 p.m.

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 garages at Civic Center Plaza (16th between Broadway and Lincoln); the Denver Pavilions (15th & Welton) 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.

“The Civic Center Conservancy believes that people make parks, and the Independence Eve Celebration is the perfect opportunity for our community to experience the regional gem that is Civic Center Park,” said **Civic Center Conservancy Executive Director Lindy Eichenbaum Lent**. “This free event – like all Civic Center activities and enhancements – would not be possible without extensive community support and partnerships for which we are very grateful.”

The Civic Center SOUNDS Independence Eve Celebration is made possible by the generosity of the following community partners: **HealthONE, PCL Construction, the City and County of Denver, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Target, United Airlines, The Denver Post, Comcast, 850 KOA/AM 760, VISIT DENVER and IMA.**

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COLORADO SYMPHONY

Established in 1989 as the successor of the Denver Symphony, the Colorado Symphony is the state’s only full-time professional Orchestra. During the upcoming 2010-11 Season, the Colorado Symphony performs a 21-week Masterworks series of classical programs as well as a new series called Inside the Score, Contemporary and Classic Pops, Family, Holiday and summer parks concerts, to approximately 220,000 patrons, as well as educational outreach programs reaching over 40,000 students each year. Centrally located in downtown Denver, most performances are held at the Denver Performing Arts Complex in Boettcher Concert Hall.

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, revitalize and enhance downtown Denver’s historic Civic Center Park. The Conservancy’s efforts focus around the following four areas: events and programming to activate Civic Center Park such as the annual Civic Center EATS Outdoor Café; public awareness and engagement; advocacy for park needs and design/infrastructure enhancements; and fundraising for capital improvements, activities and initiatives that support the park.

DENVER OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The mission of the Denver Office of Cultural Affairs is to advance the arts and culture in the City and County of Denver.