

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# THE CALGARY PHILHARMONIC UNVEILS 2017/18 SEASON

"The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra will be an orchestra for the World."

— Rune Bergmann, Music Director Designate of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra



**Calgary, Alta., March 28, 2017** – On Wednesday, April 5, 2017, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra (CPO) proudly unveils its 62<sup>nd</sup> performance Season. From enduring and timeless composers to the culture-shaping cinematic scores, we welcome back our established audience and new friends with a fresh performance selection to fit every taste.

With great expectation, the CPO welcomes a new era of leadership with Maestro Rune Bergmann stepping into the role as Music Director after a decade of leadership under the Maestro Roberto Minczuk. The Season will reflect Maestro Bergmann's vision to showcase the CPO on the world stage with highlights boasting a guest performance by the iconic Yo-Yo Ma, a special Christmas concert with Jann Arden, and a colourfully choreographed mosaic of Canadian composers commissioned to honour Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in our True North Festival.

The True North Festival will be a celebration of Canadian Artists and Musicians including a concert by Juno award and countless Canadian music award-winning Corb Lund who is one of Canada's most decorated and prolific Country Artists. Corb will be in attendance at the Press Conference speaking about his involvement with the Orchestra.

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#### Season Launch Press Conference:

Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby Location:

Arts Commons Building

205 8 Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2G 0K9

Time: 1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. (MST) Doors open at 12:30

#### Announcing:

New Leadership — Rune Bergmann (Music Director), Vincent Ho (Music Advisor).

Season Line-up — Epic, Emotional, Engaging with special guest appearance from Corb Lund.

True North Festival celebrating Canada's 150th Anniversary.

Take-away: Media guests will be presented with a pair of ticket vouchers for the upcoming Season.

#### Quotes:

"Yo Yo Ma, Erin Wall, Corb Lund, Fred Penner and the Kronos Quartet are the best of the best from their special places in the arts universe. Put them together with Maestro Rune Bergmann and you are sure to find the sweet spot for world-class music in Calgary".

- Paul Dornian, President & CEO, Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra

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### **About the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra**

The Calgary Philharmonic has been a cornerstone of Calgary's multi-faceted arts community since 1955, and is one of North America's finest and most versatile live music ensembles. A repertoire that is extensive and broad in scope consistently attracts acclaimed guest artists and conductors. From classical giants to rock and roll hits and family favourites, the Calgary Philharmonic offers an average of 83 concerts per Season designed to fit all musical tastes.

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