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CALGARY PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES ITS 2018/2019 SEASON

Calgary, Alta., March 21, 2018 – Today, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra (CPO) announced its 63rd concert season at the Jack Singer Concert Hall Lobby in Calgary. The 2018/2019 Season, which begins in September 2018, includes beautiful classics, world premieres of new works, and edgy musical explorations. The CPO performs concerts almost every week in the Jack Singer Concert Hall and out in the community from Autumn 2018 to the end of Spring 2019.

"It is a pleasure for me to welcome audiences to an exciting and innovative Season at the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra," said Rune Bergmann, Music Director of the CPO. "We truly have something for everyone, and we hope that our audiences will be inspired and intrigued like we are performing this wonderful music."

Highlights of the Season include a performance by one of the world's most prominent operatic voices Renée Fleming, who joins the Orchestra on September 26, 2018 for one of the most highly anticipated concerts of the Season.

Tchaikovsky. Frank Zappa. Tanya Tagaq. John Corigliano. In its most boundary-pushing festival to date, the CPO explores the powerful influences and inspirations behind these great artists. This raucous and unforgettable musical journey shines a light on the iconoclasts — genre-defying musicians and composers — whose creativity has led to profound artistic upheaval. *Under The Influence Festival* takes place from April 25 to May 4, 2019.

During the Holidays, the CPO offers the brightest concert experiences in town to get Calgarians and visitors into the spirit of the season. The very popular *Traditional Christmas* concerts will now also be performed in the communities of Okotoks and Rocky Ridge.

Multi Award winning singer-songwriter Johnny Reid has captured the hearts of fans and audiences around the world. The critically acclaimed singer is widely known for his lyrical honesty and musical ability, which will be on display in an intimate holiday concert with the CPO on December 11, 2018.

By popular demand, the upcoming Season features *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*. The film is screened with Howard Shore's musical score brought to life by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus, and Cantaré Children's Choir. Three performances take place on May 17, 18 and 19.

The Season wraps up with the final classical concert on May 31 and June 1, 2019 with the acclaimed Israeli American pianist Yefim Bronfman performing Prokofiev's Second Piano Concerto.

The Season closes with a *Summertime Send Off* and Canadian soprano sensation Measha Brueggergosman. She returns to Calgary for the perfect salute to summer on June 7 and 8, 2019.

The CPO brings a variety of guest conductors to Calgary for its Classics series, including celebrated American conductor Joann Faletta, Hamilton Philharmonic's Music Director Gemma New, British baroque conductor Nicholas McGegan, Edmonton Symphony's Music Director Alexander Prior, Korean conductor Eun Sun Kim, and American conductor Steve Hackman.

Each year the CPO partners with many organizations in the community. Next Season, the Orchestra continues to perform live music for all Calgary Opera season productions and Alberta Ballet's holiday favourite *The Nutcracker*. The CPO also performs at the Finals of the 2018 Honens International Piano Competition in September and expands its partnership with Honens for a special presentation of 2015 Honens Laureate Luca Buratto and winner of Israel's Rubinstein Competition Szymon Nehring. This concert takes place on September 5, 2018.

Other partnerships for next Season include Calgary Folk Music Festival, The Calgary International Children's Festival, One Yellow Rabbit's High Performance Rodeo, and Run Calgary — for Beat Beethoven on September 13, 2018.

For more information on the 2018/2019 Season and for a full list of concerts, visit calgaryphil.com.

ABOUT THE CALGARY PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra is a cornerstone of Calgary's multi-faceted arts community and since 1955, has grown to be 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. The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Maestro Rune Bergmann, offers an average of 80 concerts per Season designed to fit all musical tastes.

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