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Bringing Classical Music to Life: Winter Orchestra Concert Highlights Classic Movie Music and Features a Costume Contest

Montrose, CO – The Valley Symphony Association (VSA) presents, “A Night at the Movies: Hollywood Favorites, Starring the Classics,” on Saturday, February 24 at 6:30pm, and Sunday, February 25, at 3pm, at the Montrose Pavilion. Pairing the classics of music and film, the VSA orchestra’s winter concert features landmark film scores that will evoke distinctive and memorable moments in cinematic history. Concerts are presented in partnership with season co-partners Cimarron Wealth Management and the David Mize Family along with concert partner Montrose Regional Health.

The VSA is a regional all-volunteer performing arts organization in its 52nd season. From high schoolers to retirees, musicians from all ages and walks of life hail from throughout the Uncompahgre, Grand, Gunnison, and North Fork Valleys and come together to bring classical music to life on the Western Slope.

The upcoming performance by the VSA Orchestra promises to transport audiences with familiar and beloved melodies from iconic movies. “The tradition of movie music dates back to the era of black and white films in the 1920s, and it continues to thrive in modern cinema with grandeur,” VSA Music Director and Orchestra Conductor Troy Raper said. “From the classical compositions of Mozart to the cinematic scores of John Williams, movie music has a profound ability to engage our souls. It evokes memories of joyful moments and cherished companions, linked to the times we first sat in a theater or watched a film.”

To encourage fun and theatrics, “SymphoniCon” will happen during intermission. “It’s a costume contest—and we’ll be awarding season tickets to the winner!” Raper said. Individuals or groups are encouraged to dress up as their favorite movie character(s). “Orchestra members will dress up in costume, and I hope the audience will, too.”

“We are proud to support the Valley Symphony Association,” said Montrose Regional Health CEO Jeff Mengershausen. “From excellent orchestra performances to advanced medical care, Montrose truly offers great experiences for our Friends & Family.”

“Our concerts appeal to all ages, and our musician members are your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, and fellow citizens from throughout the region, who volunteer their time and talent to produce concerts we are truly proud to present,” VSA Board President Hartland H. Clubb, Jr., said. “It’s so rare and special that we on the Western Slope have access to experience the joy of live classical music through the VSA. Please join us to see and hear what we’re all about!”

For information, visit the VSA on Facebook @valleysymphonyassociation or at ValleySymphony.net. Tickets for all season 52 concerts at the Montrose Pavilion are also available online; in Delta at Clubb’s (417 Main St); and in Montrose at season co-partner Cimarron Wealth Management (1731 E Niagara Rd) and Colorado Smiles (601 S 3rd St). Other inquiries may be directed to 970-765-8323 or info@ValleySymphony.net.

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Photo 1

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Valley Symphony Association Orchestra & Chorus (2023-2024 – Season 52)

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Photo 2

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VSA Members Perform at the Montrose Pavilion

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About the Valley Symphony Association

Since 1970, the Valley Symphony Association has culturally enriched the community and its members by bringing together some of the best volunteer musicians from the Uncompahgre, North Fork, Gunnison, and Grand Valleys to discover and present works of great composers, past and present. Performances range from classical orchestral to upbeat pop, from purely instrumental to purely choral, to a combination of both.

Our goal is to ensure that future generations will enjoy the legacy of live orchestral and choral music that so magnificently celebrates the human spirit.

About Our Season Co-Partners

Cimarron Wealth Management strives to simplify your financial life and give you confidence about your future so you can focus on your passions. It starts with the foundation of investment, estate and tax planning discussions, but our passion is honest conversations about purpose, legacy and generosity.

"In a world that is increasingly digital and distant, there is something extraordinarily special about bringing community together for a common purpose, and for over 52 years, the VSA has been at the center of this effort," Michael Murphy, wealth advisor with CWM, said. "The VSA enriches the community with live music; they give a diverse group of musicians an outlet for creating art and beauty;

and they remain dedicated to passing on musical traditions to future generations. We will be cheering them on at each concert this year, and we hope you will, too.”

The David Mize Family has quietly and generously supported all types of Western Slope non-profit organizations for decades and is a longstanding donor to the VSA.

About Concert Partner Montrose Regional Health

Montrose Regional Health (www.MontroseHealth.com) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit healthcare system serving Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Gunnison, Delta, Hinsdale and San Juan counties. The hospital is licensed for 75-beds and offers an extensive range of inpatient & outpatient health care services, including cardiology, oncology, minimally invasive surgery, laboratory, medical imaging/radiology, Mountain View Therapy, Level III Trauma Center, Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Spine & Pain Center, advanced respiratory & pulmonary services, and the family birthing center. The health system has a reputation for acquiring the latest technologies in healthcare, from robotic assisted surgical services to UVC-disinfection technology. Montrose Regional Health is the second-largest employer in Montrose County, with more than 700 employees and 100 providers who represent 23 medical specialties. With a tagline that reads *Caring for you like family*, the health system is known for its warm patient care.