

MAHLERFEST DAY
A DECLARATION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR
COLORADO MAHLERFEST'S THIRTY-YEAR CULTURAL CONTRIBUTION
TO THE CITY OF BOULDER, THE STATE OF COLORADO, AND MUSIC
LOVERS WORLDWIDE.

May 21, 2017

The Colorado MahlerFest has been held in the City of Boulder annually for the past thirty years and is celebrating MahlerFest XXX in May of 2017. The Colorado MahlerFest is the preeminent festival of its type in the United States, attracting musicians, world-renowned scholars, composers, students and audiences from around the world.

The Colorado MahlerFest is one of two annual festivals in the world dedicated to the life and music of Gustav Mahler and the only one in the United States.

The festival has presented all the works by the composer Gustav Mahler, including alternative versions of his works and works rarely performed. This offers the local and visiting musicians that make up the mostly volunteer Colorado MahlerFest Orchestra the opportunity to perform music that they might not normally get a chance to perform and for audiences to hear that music.

The Colorado MahlerFest is one of only two American orchestras that have been awarded the International Gustav Mahler Society's Gold Medal for outstanding contributions to the music of Mahler.

Each year, the festival features a variety of events including movies, chamber concerts, masterclasses, symposia and a major orchestral concert, many that are free to the public. The festival donates tickets to schools, art outreach organizations and senior support groups. In recent years, MahlerFest has established a tuition-free conducting academy attracting young conductors to Boulder for an intense week of study and interaction with the MahlerFest orchestra.

The festival works closely with the College of Music and other organizations at the University of Colorado and uses various venues in Boulder and on campus.

The City of Boulder expresses its sincere appreciation to the Colorado MahlerFest for the contributions and enrichments it has made to the City of Boulder in the past thirty years and declare May 21, 2017

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Suzanne Jones, Mayor

