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**ANNOUNCING THE 2019 COLORADO SYMPHONY BALL ‘SPEAK EASY ROCK HARD’  
AT DENVER'S HISTORIC FILLMORE AUDITORIUM**

*Colorado Symphony Trustee Diane Hill to receive prestigious Margaret Phipps Award*

Feb. 4, 2019 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony announces the 2019 Colorado Symphony Ball, *Speak Easy Rock Hard*, to be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Denver’s historic Fillmore Auditorium. The Colorado Symphony is honored to welcome Byron & Lisa Haselden, Chris & Teresa Murdy, JJ Rams & Karen Hatley, Christopher J. Ott and Jeremy Simons, Amy Harmon, and Marcela de la Mar as event co-chairs, and Governor Jared Polis, First Gentleman Marlon Reis, Mayor Michael B. Hancock, and First Lady Mary Louise Lee as honorary co-chairs for an evening of Prohibition Era excitement.

Local rock band, The Originators, founded by Haselden Construction Chairman Ed Haselden, will rock the Fillmore along with the Colorado Symphony’s full orchestra. Haselden has been performing on behalf of local charities throughout Denver for many years and was also a co-founder of The Moderators. Music Director Brett Mitchell will conduct the Colorado Symphony throughout the evening’s festivities.

Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening will be 9NEWS’ own Kim Christiansen. The event will include a cocktail hour, silent and live auction, dinner, concert, dancing, and the presentation of the Margaret Phipps Award. The prestigious Margaret Phipps Award, established in 1993, recognizes outstanding contributions and service to the Colorado Symphony and the arts community. This year’s recipient is Colorado Symphony Trustee Diane Hill. Diane has served the organization in multiple capacities including being Co-Chair of the Advancement Committee and Chair of the Women of Note.

“The Colorado Symphony Ball is the can’t-miss event of the year, bringing together over 800 philanthropic guests, incredible music, and a packed dance floor,” says John Burtness, Chief Advancement Officer. “As a nonprofit organization, the Ball is vital to our annual fundraising efforts. Last year’s event raised approximately \$1 million in contributed funds, helping to make all of our season’s programming, community engagement, and education initiatives possible.”

*Speak Easy Rock Hard* will be the organization’s largest fundraising event of the year with funds raised supporting the operations and education programs of the Colorado Symphony, the largest and only full-time professional orchestra in Colorado.

For sponsorship opportunities or to purchase a table, visit [coloradosymphony.org/events/symphony-ball](http://coloradosymphony.org/events/symphony-ball) or contact Sean Baker at [sbaker@coloradosymphony.org](mailto:sbaker@coloradosymphony.org).



## **EVENT INFORMATION:**

Colorado Symphony Ball 2019: "*Speak Easy Rock Hard*"

Date: Saturday, April 6, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Fillmore Auditorium - 1510 Clarkson St., Denver, CO 80218

For more information, visit: [coloradosymphony.org/events/symphony-ball](http://coloradosymphony.org/events/symphony-ball)

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## **TICKETS:**

Tickets to Colorado Symphony events are available online at [coloradosymphony.org/tickets](http://coloradosymphony.org/tickets), by phone at 303.623.7876, and in person at the Boettcher Concert Hall Box Office, Denver Performing Arts Complex, 1000 14th Street. The Box Office is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon - 6 p.m.; and two hours prior to each performance.

## **ABOUT THE COLORADO SYMPHONY**

One of the leading orchestras in the United States, the Colorado Symphony Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization performing more than 150 concerts annually at Boettcher Concert Hall in downtown Denver and across Colorado. Led by Music Director Brett Mitchell, the Colorado Symphony is home to eighty full-time musicians, representing more than a dozen nations, and regularly welcomes the most celebrated artists from the world of symphonic music and beyond. In the last year, the Colorado Symphony served nearly 233,000 people attending live performances at concert and non-traditional venues throughout Colorado's Front Range. In addition, over 265,000 people listen to the Colorado Symphony through Colorado Public Radio's live broadcasts of classical content featuring concert recordings, in-studio performances of individual musicians and small ensembles, and live streaming of interviews and performances with artists. Recognized as an incubator of innovation, creativity, and excellence, the Colorado Symphony continually expands its reach through education, outreach, and programming. The Colorado Symphony partners with the state's leading musical artists, cultural organizations, corporations, foundations, sports teams, and individuals to expose diverse audiences to the transformative power of music. To learn more, visit [coloradosymphony.org](http://coloradosymphony.org).