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LONGMONT SYMPHONY OPENS 2019-20 SEASON WITH “ORGAN SYMPHONY” ON OCTOBER 5

LONGMONT, CO, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 — On **Saturday, October 5**, the Longmont Symphony Orchestra (LSO) opens its season with two works for organ by Parisian composers, which celebrate culture, music and the incredible survival of the Notre Dame Cathedral’s organ in Paris during the recent fire. Saint-Saëns’ epic symphony for large orchestra with organ closes this sonic triptych.

Opening Night: The Organ Symphony

Saturday, October 5, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Vance Brand Civic Auditorium

Elliot Moore, conductor

BACH/STOKOWSKI Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 582

POULENC Concerto for Organ

Brian du Fresne, organ

SAINT-SAËNS Symphony No. 3, “Organ Symphony”

Brian du Fresne, organ

A free pre-concert talk with Elliot Moore begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons area. Single tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and active military, and \$5 for students and children. Tickets can be purchased via phone (303-772-5796) and online at www.longmontsymphony.org. Office hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Fridays; and closed on Wednesdays.

About Brian Du Fresne

Brian du Fresne, pianist, organist, and singer, grew up in Europe and obtained degrees through the University of Texas (B.M. and M.M.) and the University of Colorado (M.M.Ed.). For 16 years, he held the positions of Director of Vocal Music and Music Theatre in the Boulder Valley School District where he directed the choirs and taught AP music theory, guitar, directed the annual musical, and taught Language Arts. His choirs traveled nationally and internationally, and regularly received top honors at regional and national festivals and competitions. He was the Principal Organist at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Boulder for 20 years, and has sung with the internationally acclaimed Ars Nova Singers since 1994. Brian holds the Associate Certificate through the American Guild of Organists, one of only seven others in the nation that year to achieve that certification. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is Convention Coordinator for the 2019 Southwest Regional Convention of the AGO, which was recently held in Denver.

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