

CSO 2007-08 SEASON AT A GLANCE

◆ CSO Premiere Performance

SEPT 22 (SAT 7:30)

Jeffrey Kahane, music director | Olga Kern, piano

Glinka	Overture to <i>Ruslan and Ludmilla</i>
Rachmaninoff	Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini
Tchaikovsky	Symphony No. 5

Following her triumphant appearance with the CSO, pianist Olga Kern returns at the baton of Jeffrey Kahane conducting in an electrifying rendition of Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini. This season opening weekend celebrates three of the most beloved Russian masterworks.

SEPT 28 (FRI 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

Art Garfunkel | "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and "Mrs. Robinson," along with selections from his newest album, *Some Enchanted Evening*.

SEPT 29 (SAT 7:30)

ONE NIGHT ONLY! | Renée Fleming

The immortal Renée Fleming joins the Colorado Symphony Orchestra in a One Night Only performance featuring R. Strauss' *Four Last Songs*, as well as the most loved arias of all time.

OCT 5-6 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Jeffrey Kahane, music director and piano | CSO Chorus

Mendelssohn	<i>The Fair Melusina</i> Overture
	Piano Concerto No. 2
	<i>Songs Without Words</i>
	<i>Die erste Walpurgisnacht</i> ◆

Highlighting some of his finest works, this all Mendelssohn program features Jeffrey Kahane as both soloist and conductor leading the CSO in Mendelssohn's Second Piano Concerto from the keyboard and the CSO Chorus in Mendelssohn's setting of Goethe's ballade "The First Walpurgis Night."

OCT 12 (FRI 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

Robert Goulet

"The Impossible Dream," "On a Clear Day (You Can See Forever)," "MacArthur Park" and more. "Goulet weaves a song's melody and lyrics in a way that adds a pure and emotional resonance to the piece." – *Daily News Tribune*

OCT 13 (SAT 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

ABBAMania

Mama Mia! An amazing recreation of the look and sound of 70's superstars ABBA with favorites such as "SOS," "Take a Chance on Me," "Dancing Queen," "Mama Mia!" and many, many more!

OCT 19-20 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Jeffrey Kahane, music director | Julie Albers, cello

Kenneth Frazelle	<i>The Swans at Pungo Lake</i> ◆
Tchaikovsky	<i>Variations on a Rococo Theme</i>

Elgar

Symphony No. 1 ♦

A gentle charisma and loveliness distinguish Tchaikovsky's *Rococo Variations*, composed in the spirit of his hero, Mozart. Charming instrumental interludes between each variation highlight the composer's much-loved woodwinds.

OCT 26-27 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Jeffrey Kahane, music director | YuMi Hwang-Williams, violin

Steven Mackey *Turn the Key* ♦

Dvořák Violin Concerto

Beethoven Symphony No. 5

An authoritative interpreter of Beethoven's works and highly acclaimed for his performances of all five Beethoven piano concerti, Maestro Jeffrey Kahane takes the podium to lead the CSO in the immortal Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

NOV 3 (SAT 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

The Sound of the Cinema: Best of John Williams

Richard Kaufman conducts the CSO in selections from *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter*, *Superman*, *Jurassic Park*, *Jaws* and more by the most successful composer of film music in the history of the medium.

NOV 10 (SAT 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

What Would You Say – A Tribute to the Dave Matthews Band!

This five-piece band pays homage to their famous counterparts by matching the excitement, energy, intensity and intimacy of a Dave Matthews Band live show – with the CSO.

NOV 16-17 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Pinchas Zukerman, conductor and violin

Scott O'Neil, associate conductor | Amanda Forsyth, cello

Barber Adagio for Strings

Vivaldi Concerto for Violin and Cello

Mozart Symphony No. 41, "Jupiter"

Brahms Concerto for Violin and Cello, "Double Concerto"

Pinchas Zukerman conducts the CSO in some of the most beautiful orchestral works for strings and performs with cellist Amanda Forsyth in Brahms' Double Concerto, which Brahms composed for two dear friends with all the richest Romantic qualities.

NOV 30-DEC 1 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Jeffrey Kahane, music director | Ingrid Fliter, piano

Rossini Overture to *Semiramide*

Chopin Piano Concerto No. 1

Beethoven Symphony No. 7

Internationally acclaimed pianists, chosen as the recipient of the Gilmore Artist Award in 2006 and silver medalists in the Fredric Chopin Competition in Warsaw, Ingrid Fliter performs Chopin's First Piano Concerto for her debut with the CSO.

DEC 7-8 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Jeffrey Kahane, music director | Midori, violin | CSO Chorus

Magnus Lindberg *Fresco* ♦

Vivaldi
Tchaikovsky

Gloria
Violin Concerto

Superstar violinist Midori performs one of the most timeless violin concertos. “Midori floated the quietest and purest of phrases to the upper reaches of the concert hall. The finale was a blaze of energy, laced with compact curlicue figures and zesty rhythms.” –*The Washington Post*

DEC 14 (FRI 6:30*) DEC 15 (SAT 6:00)

**CSO Presents AMG National Trust Bank Holiday Series
A Colorado Christmas Presents A Star To Follow**

Returning for its 24 year as the region’s premier holiday stage show! *Pre-concert activities at 5:00.*

DEC 21-22 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

**CSO Presents AMG National Trust Bank Holiday Series
Too Hot To Handel**

10th anniversary celebration of Marin Alsop’s Gospel *Messiah*.

JAN 4-5 (FRI 7:30, SAT 7:30)

**CSO Presents HealthONE Pops
Bugs Bunny On Broadway**

What’s up Doc? Cartoon classics on three screens featuring “What’s Opera, Doc?,” “The Rabbit of Seville,” “Corny Concerto,” “Baton Bunny,” “Long-Haired Hare,” “High Note,” and many more! A Warner Bros. presentation. **Pre-concert activities at 1:00.*

JAN 11-12 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Edward Gardner, conductor | Elmar Oliveira, violin

Sibelius Suite from *Karelia*
Rautavaara Violin Concerto ♦
Nielsen Symphony No. 4, “The Inextinguishable”

As the first American violinist to win the Gold Medal at Moscow’s Tchaikovsky International Competition and a champion of contemporary repertoire, virtuoso Elmar Oliveira performs Rautavaara’s Violin Concerto, his recording which won him the Cannes Classical Award.

JAN 18 (FRI 7:30)

**CSO Presents HealthONE Pops
Hair – The 40th Anniversary Concert Show**

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the iconic rock musical *Hair* as the CSO performs such influential songs as “Aquarius” and “Let the Sun Shine In.”

JAN 19 (SAT 7:30)

**CSO Presents HealthONE Pops
Leroy Anderson**

Carl Topilow leads the CSO in the centennial celebration of an American icon. *Sleigh Ride, The Syncopated Clock, Blue Tango* and more!

JAN 25-26 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Douglas Boyd, conductor | Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, violin

Britten “Four Sea Interludes” from *Peter Grimes*
Shostakovich Violin Concerto No. 1
Stravinsky *The Rite of Spring*

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Shostakovich's birth in 2006 and one of her signature pieces, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg performs his First Violin Concerto with Douglas Boyd and the CSO. "A breathtakingly daring and original artist." - *The Washington Post*

FEB 1-2 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Jeffrey Kahane, music director | Peter Cooper, oboe

Schubert Symphony No. 3
R. Strauss Oboe Concerto
Tchaikovsky Suite No. 4, "Mozartiana"

Capturing the beautiful sonority and color of the oboe, Strauss' concerto remains one of the most virtuosic and highly esteemed works written for the instrument. It presents the soloist with a supreme challenge for its extraordinarily long phrases and intensely physical demands.

FEB 8-9 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Peter Oundjian, conductor

Haydn Symphony No. 49, "La passione"
Wagner Prelude and Liebestod from *Tristan und Isolde*
Prokofiev Selections from *Romeo and Juliet*

Peter Oundjian returns to conduct the CSO in an evening of the greatest romantic masterworks including Wagner's music from *Tristan and Isolde* and selections from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*.

FEB 15 (FRI 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

The Most Romantic Classics: Music of Hollywood

Somewhere in Time, Out of Africa, Gone With the Wind and many more – enjoy Valentine's Day with the most romantic music of Hollywood.

FEB 16 (SAT 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

Eileen Ivers

Nine-time all-Ireland fiddling champion with her interpretations of popular classics and classical pops, including Pachelbel's *Canon*.

FEB 22 (FRI 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

Higher Ground

Your favorites from Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder with Jeans 'n Classics and the CSO.

FEB 23 (SAT 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

One Vision – The Music of Queen

An homage to Freddie Mercury and Queen. Sing along with Jeans 'n Classics, the CSO and Chorus - "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We Are the Champions," "You're My Best Friend" and many more!

FEB 29-MAR 1 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Scott O'Neil, associate conductor | Sharon Isbin, guitar

Ravel *Alborado del gracioso*
Vivaldi Guitar Concerto in D major
Rodrigo *Concierto de Aranjuez*
Debussy *Prelude to The Afternoon of a Faun*

La Mer

GRAMMY® Award-winning guitarist Sharon Isbin, distinguished for her exceptional lyricism and versatility, performs Rodrigo's most famous work *Conceierto de Aranjuez* and Vivaldi's Concerto, originally written for solo lute, two violins and continuo. "The pre-eminent guitarist of our time" - *Boston Magazine*

MAR 8 (SAT 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

Don't Worry Be Happy – Bobby McFerrin and Voicestra

Comprised of twelve uniquely gifted singers with broad stylistic experience ranging from Jazz to R&B to Indian classical opera, Voicestra is more than just a choir. *Performance without the CSO*

MAR 14-15 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Marin Alsop, conductor laureate

Schumann Festival

Schumann	Overture to <i>Genoveva</i> (Fri. Mar 14) ♦
	Symphony No. 1, "Spring" (Fri. Mar 14)
	Introduction and Allegro appassionato for Piano and Orchestra (Sat. Mar 15)
	Symphony No. 2 (Sat. Mar 15)

Conductor Laureate Marin Alsop leads the CSO in a unique three day Schumann Festival featuring his four symphonies, which Alsop chose to celebrate the beauty of his orchestral masterworks.

MAR 21-22 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Marin Alsop, conductor laureate | Gabriela Montero, piano

Rachmaninoff	<i>Vocalise</i>
	Piano Concerto No. 3
Beethoven	Symphony No. 6, "Pastoral"

Venezuelan classical pianist Gabriela Montero, who is also highly acclaimed for her astounding ability to improvise on any tune, performs Rachmaninoff's powerful and melodic Third Piano Concerto, which he wrote to showcase his skills as a composer and soloist in America.

MAR 28-29 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Carlos Miguel Prieto, conductor | Nicola Benedetti, violin

Haydn	Symphony No. 60, "Il distratto"
Bruch	Violin Concerto No. 1
Revueltas	<i>The Night of the Mayas</i>

Conductor of Mexico's Xalapa Symphony Orchestra Carlos Miguel Prieto and rising star Nicola Benedetti give their CSO debut in a program showcasing Bruch's grand Violin Concerto, abounding with lyrical and dramatic bursts displaying the most beloved qualities of virtuosic violin music.

APR 4-5 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Jeffrey Kahane, music director | Courtney Hershey Bress, harp

Kathleen Bride, harp | Basil Vendryes, viola | CSO Chorus

Haydn	Symphony No. 98 ♦
David Cutler	<i>Toy Fantasy</i> for Two Harps ♦
Giya Kancheli	<i>Styx</i> ♦

In this exceptional harp duo, Kathleen Bride and Courtney Hershey-Bress team up for a harp extravaganza unlike any other. Commissioned by Jung and Kathleen Bride the work is, “An exciting and accessible double harp concerto about toys that come to life.”-*David Cutler*

APR 11-12 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Jeffrey Kahane, music director | Christopher Taylor, piano
“Hope From Despair”

Weill	Suite from <i>The Threepenny Opera</i>
Ullmann	Piano Concerto ♦
Szpilman	Concertina for Piano and Orchestra ♦
Weill	Symphony No. 2

In the theme of “Hope from Despair” this weekend features works by victims of World War II including Polish pianist Szpilman, whose incredible survival story and music is well-known from the film *The Pianist*, and Kurt Weill’s Second Symphony, written in Paris after the Nazis drove him from Germany.

APR 19 (SAT 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops
Broadway Bravo!

Join the CSO and vocal soloists performing the best of Broadway with all of your favorites from *Phantom*, *Cats*, *Lion King*, *Chicago*, *A Chorus Line*, *Rent*, *Company* and more!

APR 25-26 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

JoAnn Falletta, conductor | Rachel Lee, violin

Zemlinsky	<i>The Mermaid</i> ♦
Stravinsky	Violin Concerto in D
R. Strauss	Suite from <i>Der Rosenkavalier</i>

Music director of the former Denver Chamber Orchestra and music director of the Buffalo Symphony Orchestra, JoAnn Falletta leads the CSO in Strauss’ 1945 Suite from *Der Rosenkavalier*, and instant favorite for its infectious waltzes and rhapsodic love music.

MAY 2 (FRI 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops
Pink Martini

Somewhere between a 1930’s Cuban dance orchestra, a classical chamber music ensemble, a Brazilian marching street band and Japanese film noir, this 12-piece ensemble joins the CSO with repertoire that circles the globe.

MAY 9-10 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Scott Yoo, conductor and violin

Bach	Brandenburg Concerto No. 1
	Orchestral Suite No. 1
Vivaldi	<i>The Four Seasons</i>

Violin virtuoso Scott Yoo plays and conducts classic all-time favorites of the Baroque period from Bach to Vivaldi. This program features all four violin concerti from *The Four Seasons* and Bach’s ceaselessly delightful Brandenburg Concerto No. 1.

MAY 16-17 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Duain Wolfe, conductor | CSO Chorus
Colorado Children’s Chorale

Brahms	<i>Schicksalslied</i>
Orff	<i>Carmina burana</i>

Duain Wolfe leads to the CSO Chorus, guest soloists and orchestra in *Carmina burana*, which remains one of the most popular works for chorus and orchestra with the text comprised of 24 medieval, secular Latin poems about life's struggles and pleasures.

MAY 23 (FRI 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

Randy Newman

Legendary singer / songwriter joins the CSO for an evening of his motion picture and pop classics including "Short People," "You Can Leave Your Hat On," "You've Got A Friend In Me" and more!

MAY 24 (SAT 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

The Music of Abbey Road

Jeans 'n Classics returns to the CSO with the complete Abbey Road plus other Beatles classics including "Penny Lane," "A Day in the Life" and more!

MAY 30-31 (FRI-SAT 7:30)

Jeffrey Kahane, music director | Natasha Paremski, piano

Bernstein *Chichester Psalms*

John Corigliano *Piano Concerto ♦*

Copland *Symphony No. 3*

Jeffrey Kahane closes the 2007-08 Masterworks with Showcase of American Composers III, featuring Copland's Third Symphony, one of the most defining and expansive American symphonies ringing out his patriotic *Fanfare for the Common Man* and emanating the warmth of Copland's distinguished style.

JUN 6 (FRI 7:30)

CSO Presents HealthONE Pops

Marvin Hamlisch – The Cole Porter Songbook

Award-winning composer, pianist and CSO favorite leads the orchestra in a program including "Night and Day," "I Get a Kick Out of You," "I've Got You Under My Skin" and more!