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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY INVITED TO PERFORM AT WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Fort Collins, CO – The Colorado State University Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Wes Kenney, is honored to announce that it has been invited for the third time to perform at the University's commencement ceremonies that will be held Dec.15.

The Symphony will play the traditional marches, including Edward Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 and 4 and Giacomo Meyerbeer's Coronation March, as well as other familiar tunes. In addition, Chris Jusell, the Symphony's concertmaster and a graduate himself, will play Beethoven's Romance in G Major with the orchestra.

Jusell has served as concertmaster for the Colorado State University chamber orchestra and the University Symphony Orchestra with distinction. He has been a finalist in the CSU concerto competition, is well versed in different styles of music, and plays several different instruments very well. His versatility also extends to the realm of music arranging. He arranged an entire opera score of Maurice Ravel's L'Enfant et les Sortilèges for small chamber orchestra from the original score, which is for full orchestra.

Wes Kenney is Associate Professor of Music at Colorado State, Music Director and Conductor of the Fort Collins Symphony, and Music Director of Opera Fort Collins. He holds a Master of Music from San Francisco State University where he was top in his graduating class and won the prestigious Carmen Dragon Prize the best conductor in the California State University system. He also received a Bachelor of Arts magna cum laude from University of Southern California where he majored in Music History. Further conducting studies were taken at Die Hochschule fr Musik und Darstellende Kunst in Vienna, the Conductors Institute, and at American Symphony Orchestra League and Conductors Guild Workshops. In the summer of 2007, he won the First Annual Varna International Conductors Competition in Bulgaria.

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