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2018 Winter Concerts

**Saturday, December 8 11:15 am Christ's Episcopal Church 615 4th Street,
Castle Rock**

**Sunday, December 9 1:30 pm New Hope Presbyterian Church 3737 New
Hope Way, Castle Rock**

Maestro and Music Director Thomas A. Blomster is excited to present the following works performed by the Douglas County Youth Orchestra on December 8 and 9: *Amparito Roca* by Jamie Texidor; *"Surprise" Symphony* by Franz Joseph Haydn; *Russian Christmas Music* by Alfred Reed; and *"Farandole"* from *L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2* by Georges Bizet. Also included in the program is an energetic, original work by one of our former members and student composer Sarah Carter: *The Kitty Symphony*.

The concerts will be held on Saturday, December 8 at Christ's Episcopal Church, 615 4th Street Castle Rock at 11:15 am AND Sunday, December 9 at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 3737 New Hope Way Castle Rock at 1:30 pm. A reception follows each concert and admission is a donation at the door. All are welcome!

Douglas County Youth Orchestra was established in 2005 because we believe music is an essential part of every student's education, and we are committed to providing the highest quality orchestral experiences possible for our students. DCYO is a flourishing 30+ member youth orchestra performing right here in Castle Rock! Students come from the Castle Rock and Denver Metro area. We rehearse on Saturday mornings from 10 to noon at Christ's Episcopal Church 615 4th Street in Castle Rock. All wind, string, percussion, and keyboard instruments welcome.

Students are challenged by the repertoire Maestro Blomster chooses and students gain musical expertise, self-esteem, and personal growth. Additionally, our repertoire is challenging, ever-growing, and exciting! DCYO welcomes 4th grade students and older. All levels of ability are welcome to join us for our open rehearsal at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Christ's Episcopal Church. Come sit in and see if DCYO is for you. No audition needed. Come, play, like us, join us. We are a tuition based orchestra. Visit our website for details: Douglascountyyouthorchestra.org

Maestro and Music Director, Thomas A. Blomster is a professional percussionist, composer, and arranger. He has conducted the DCYO for nearly 10 years. In 2017 he conducted the premiere of his composition *"Postcards To Mongolia"* with the Morin Khuur Ensemble in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. He will travel to Morocco as Music Director and Conductor of the opera *"Locusts"* in March of 2019, with the composer Anne M. Guzzo of the University of Wyoming. Anne Marie Guzzo is an internationally performed composer and the founder of New Frontiers Festival of contemporary music based in Laramie, Wyoming. Mr. Blomster will conduct her opera *"Locusts"* a collaboration of artists and scientists from the Ucross Foundation Artists' Residency near Sheridan, Wyoming.

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