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Colorado Springs Conservatory Welcomes New Chief Executive Officer *Nathan Halvorson Takes the Helm of the Performing Arts Nonprofit*

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs Conservatory announced Nathan Halvorson has been named Chief Executive Officer of the nonprofit dedicated to inspiring students through arts immersion studies and community arts advocacy. His appointment will begin on July 1, 2022, just as the Conservatory hosts a variety of summer camps and free summer concerts.

Halvorson is known throughout the Front Range as the Associate Director of Performing Arts and Director of Fine Arts Center Theatre School at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center (FAC), a role he has held since 2014. Nathan is succeeded by Linda Weise, who founded the Conservatory in 1994. Interim CEO Scott Marble, who shepherded the program through the difficult pandemic years, will continue at Colorado Springs Conservatory in the role of Chief Operating Officer.

“The Board and I are excited for this new chapter as Nathan brings with him a wealth of expertise in the performing arts and a passion for the Colorado Springs community,” said Michelle Talarico, Board Chair. **“We are so appreciative of Scott Marble and the crucial role he played during this transition. He led the Conservatory with a steady hand during a very uncertain time.”**

“I’m absolutely thrilled to be joining the esteemed group of artists, mentors, educators, administrators and dreamers at The Colorado Springs Conservatory. Education in the arts has been foundational to my work throughout my entire career. CSC has a rich history of uplifting the voices of the youth of our community and I am honored to be given the opportunity to lead the organization in this next chapter,” Halvorson said.

Nathan is known across the country as a world-class director, choreographer, and theater educator. Familiar to many in Colorado Springs for his award-winning productions on the FAC Stage, most notably 2020’s *The Bridges of Madison County*, for which he won the Henry Award for *Best Direction of a Musical* with the production being named *Best Musical* as well. He holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Iowa.

About the Colorado Springs Conservatory: Colorado Springs Conservatory is the Pikes Peak region’s only non-auditioned preparatory performing arts conservatory, offering world-class arts immersion studies and programs in instrumental music, vocals, music theory, theater arts, recording arts, to young people ranging from pre-kindergarten through high school seniors and adults in the community. Learn more at www.csconservatory.org

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