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### Clef Notes Overview

Clef Notes provide a short, easy-to-follow, “real time” guide to the music performed, including succinct notations about the composer’s intentions and the orchestra’s interpretation of the music. They were created to give audience members immediate information about the music being played as the performance occurs. Descriptive terms are used to assist the listener in identifying musical gestures and pointing out ideas the composer is trying to express in the music. Musical terminology is translated and briefly explained. To allow each audience member the opportunity to enjoy the performance in his or

her own way, the numbers corresponding to those in this program are discreetly projected during the concert. Clef Notes are written by conductor Michael Christie.

### Impact on the Audience

The Colorado Music Festival has been using Clef Notes at concerts since 2001. CMF recently surveyed its audience members and received some powerful feedback on the impact of Clef Notes on patron experiences.

*(Clef Notes) helped me associate the musical themes with the fable/story on which the piece was based. I LOVED it, and I'll always appreciate this piece more because of what I learned from it. Thank you!*

*The notes give a whole new dimension to my listening experience, making it more satisfying to both right and left brain!*

*An excellent, stimulating experience.*

*It enriches my musical experience & understanding.*

*I think it is a great idea, especially for those not familiar with the program.*

*Like this a lot – I am not a music professional, so this makes the concerts educational and interesting beyond listening.*

*As someone with no background in classical music, (Clef Notes) really helped me appreciate the music on a higher level.*

*I appreciate the sophistication of the information on the compositions. I used it only as I wanted and thought it was a unique and remarkable feature.*

*Very helpful and not at all intrusive to my listening experience. I can glance down easily or skip a few numbers if I prefer. I really appreciate the information, as it helps me understand the music on a different level. Thank you.*

*I enjoy (Clef Notes) very much, as it always "tells me something new" or encourages more active listening—both of which are very important for maximum appreciation of live music.*