



Salida Aspen Concerts

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SALIDA CONCERTS POSITIVE ABOUT NEW CHIEF OF ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

News that Alan Fletcher will be the next president and chief executive officer of the Aspen Music Festival and School, effective March 1, met with a warm response from the Salida-Aspen Concerts board in Salida.

“We welcome the new leadership in Aspen as an opportunity to reaffirm our 30-year-old partnership with the festival in bringing world-class music every summer to this valley,” said David Clark, president of Salida Concerts Inc. “We are proud of our local music lovers and sponsors who have made these concerts into a longstanding cultural tradition in Chaffee County.”

According to a press release from Aspen, Fletcher comes from the position of Head of the School of Music and Professor of Music at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He will become the 7th president in the 57-year history of the Aspen Music Festival. As principal executive in charge of all aspects of the institution, Mr. Fletcher will join Music Director David Zinman in leading one of classical music’s most distinguished and prolific institutions.

Meanwhile dates for this year’s Salida-Aspen Concerts are set for six consecutive Saturdays starting July 8 with the distinguished American Brass Quintet at 7:30 p.m. in the John Held Auditorium at Salida High School. The series is marketed and promoted in Chaffee County and made possible by local donors, advertisers and grants. Artistic content and travel is handled in Aspen by Ms. Deborah Barnekow, education coordinator

of the Aspen Music Festival and School and coordinated in Salida with Ms. Jean Hanfelt, administrator of Salida Concerts, Inc.

Series tickets will be offered in spring once Salida Concerts has more information about the performers and their programs.

Concert dates are set for six consecutive Saturdays **July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12, 2006**, with the possibility of change to fit a special 30th anniversary concert. Concerts will start at 7:30 p.m. and be presented at Held Auditorium in Salida, CO, except for the July 15 concert at the Valley Fellowship Church in Buena Vista, Colo.

Salida Concerts, Inc. partners with the world-famous Aspen Music Festival and School to bring classical music to Chaffee County and the surrounding central mountain region. For further information, visit the new website at <http://salidaaspenconcerts.org/> or call Jean Hanfelt at 539-6467.

For more information about Aspen Music Festival and School, visit the website at www.aspenmusicfestival.com.

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