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**BRAVO! VAIL ANNOUNCES WINTER RESIDENCY WITH
SPHERE ENSEMBLE FROM FEBRUARY 4th – 7th, 2014**

Vail, CO – January 22, 2014 – Bravo! Vail announced today an upcoming Winter Residency with Denver, Colorado’s Sphere Ensemble, including education programs and community concerts in Edwards and Vail. Sphere Ensemble is Colorado’s exciting new classical chamber music ensemble, performing without a conductor, melding the fullness of the string orchestra repertory with the intimacy of a string quartet. Their performances flow seamlessly from classical to jazz, fusion, pop, and rock.

2014 WINTER RESIDENCY

Sphere Ensemble will be in residence in Vail from February 4th – 7th, leading a range of programs from in-school activities at Berry Creek Middle School to community concerts in Edwards and Vail that are free and open to the public. In-school activities will showcase the important skills of shared leadership and collaboration that form the framework for their performances.

BERRY CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students at Berry Creek Middle School will have the unique opportunity to experience the joys of live music over a two-day period with members of Sphere Ensemble. In addition to traditional concert presentations, hands on opportunities to experience and make music will be combined with elements of surprise, where music will be injected into the routine daily middle school schedule.

Sphere Ensemble will “surprise and delight” students by serenading them in the hallways as they change classes on February 6th before participating in three 30-

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minute Den Tribe Pride Sessions with students grades 6, 7 and 8. Later that same afternoon Sphere Ensemble members will host an after-school, hands on workshop, open to everyone at Berry Creek Middle School.

On the afternoon of February 7th, Sphere will again perform for over 100 Berry Creek Middle School students

COMMUNITY CONCERTS

At 6:30PM on February 6th, Sphere Ensemble will perform a free concert at Lake Creek Apartments Community Room (Edwards, CO.)

On Friday, February 7th, Sphere Ensemble will “pop up” in various locations in and around Vail. This will be Bravo! Vail’s own version of a flash mob performance. Potential locations may include Vail Transportation Center and popular lunch destination spots throughout Vail Village.

Sphere Ensemble’s final performance will be a free community concert at the Vail Interfaith Chapel on Friday, February 7th at 6:00PM.

ABOUT SPHERE ENSEMBLE

Sphere Ensemble was formed in 2011 by professional string players who wanted to explore new directions in string ensemble playing. The members of Sphere bring a wealth of musical experience to the group, all having classically-based college or conservatory training but possessing a diverse background of musical loves and tastes. Sphere musicians have appeared with groups and musicians ranging from the Colorado Symphony and Boulder Philharmonic, to Moby and Kanye West, and nearly every style in between. Sphere members have performed in Denver, Boulder, and Broomfield, and featured on Colorado Public Radio’s Colorado Spotlight show with Charley Samson, and KGNU’s Classic Monday.

ABOUT BRAVO! VAIL

Bravo! Vail, Colorado’s premier international six-week summer music festival, brings world-renowned musicians to venues throughout Eagle County each season and draws guests from around the world. The only Festival in North America to host three of the world’s finest orchestras in a single season, Bravo! Vail celebrates its 27th season June 27th through August 2nd, 2014, under the direction of artistic director Anne-Marie McDermott and president James W. Palermo. The 2014 season features residencies by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic, with popular concerto artists plus a wide array of stellar chamber music performances. For more information about Bravo! Vail visit www.bravovail.org or call [970.827.5700](tel:970.827.5700).

