

# LANSING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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### **CAPITAL REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S YOUTH FUND SUPPORTS LANSING SYMPHONY'S SIDE-BY-SIDE CONCERT**

**Lansing, MI – August 11, 2008** – Next spring, the Lansing Symphony Orchestra and some of the Lansing area's most talented young musicians will present a Side-by-Side Concert, sponsored in part by a \$1,000 grant from the Capital Region Community Foundation's Youth Fund. High school students will be selected by their band and orchestra directors to join the various instrument sections of the orchestra. Students will have the unique opportunity to rehearse and perform along side professional orchestral musicians, and under the direction of the LSO Music Director Timothy Muffitt. The first place winner of the 2008 Symphony Youth Competition and area Suzuki students will also be highlighted performers on the concert. In addition, the composition written by the first place winner of the 2008 Young Composers Competition will be performed by the combined orchestra. The Side-by-Side concert will take place Sunday, April 19, 2009 at Pattengill Middle School.

The mission of the Capital Region Community Foundation is to serve the charitable needs and enhance the quality of life in Michigan's Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties. The Foundation serves and seeks out a wide-range of donors to build permanent endowments which are used to meet the changing needs and interests of the community. The Youth Action Committee is an ethnically diverse advisory committee consisting of approximately 30 young people representing 18 area high schools.

The Lansing Symphony Orchestra was established in 1929. More than 20,000 people attend LSO concerts each year, and more than 50,000 listeners are able to hear broadcasts of the Orchestra's concerts by NPR affiliate WKAR-FM Radio. The Symphony's highly acclaimed education programs reach 15,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade in five counties. Over 2,500 children attend the Young People's Concert where students in grades 4 through 6 learn about orchestral instruments, music and practice through a narrated concert. At least 1,000 students participate in the Music In Our Schools presentations which bring LSO musicians into classrooms.

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