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## 2010 GILMORE YOUNG ARTIST TO PERFORM WITH LANSING SYMPHONY IN MAY 2010

**July 22, 2009 – Lansing, MI** – The Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival has named 18-year-old pianist **Ivan Moshchuk** a 2010 Gilmore Young Artist. On **Tuesday, May 4, 2010**, Moshchuk will perform **Chopin’s Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor** with the Lansing Symphony Orchestra as part of the LSO’s 2009/2010 season finale – **MasterWorks 6: Beethoven’s Fifth**. The concert will be conducted by **Music Director Timothy Muffitt**, and will also include Beethoven’s stirring Symphony No. 5 in C Minor.

“It is both a pleasure and a privilege for the Lansing Symphony to be a part of the 2010 Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival,” says LSO Interim Executive Director Ken Beachler. “We are thrilled and delighted to welcome this extraordinarily talented young musician as a soloist with our orchestra.”

The Gilmore Young Artist Awards are presented every two years by The Gilmore in west Michigan. Candidates for the Award are not aware that they have been nominated. The anonymous selection committee evaluates the young artists for their pianism and musicianship over a period of time. The Award singles out the most promising of the new generation of pianists, age 22 and younger, in the United States.



In January 2009, Lansing Symphony audiences were thrilled by a performance of Grieg's Piano Concerto by 2008 Gilmore Young Artist Adam Golka.

Eighteen year old **Ivan Moshchuk** was born in Russia and immigrated to Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan with his parents when he was four years old. He recently graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and is headed to the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Johns Hopkins University in the fall. There he will be studying under Boris Slutsky. In the summers of 2006 and 2008, Moshchuk attended the International Music Academy in Pilsen, Czech Republic where he had master classes with Ivan Moravec, Miroslav Brejcha, Santiago Rodriguez and Marina Lomazov. Moshchuk was co-first prize winner of the 2007 Arthur Fraser Concerto Competition in South Carolina and was a semifinalist at the Oberlin International Piano Competition in that same year. In addition to numerous solo recitals, Moshchuk has been a concerto soloist with the South Carolina Philharmonic and the Grosse Pointe Symphony, among other ensembles.

**MasterWorks 6: Beethoven's Fifth** will be held **Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Wharton Center's Great Hall. **Tickets range from \$45-\$12**, based on seating, with student pricing available. Tickets are available now by calling **(517) 487-5001** or online at [www.LansingSymphony.org](http://www.LansingSymphony.org).

The Lansing Symphony Orchestra was established in 1929 and is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. More than 20,000 people attend LSO concerts each year, and more than 50,000 listeners are able to hear broadcasts of the LSO's performances by NPR affiliate WKAR-FM Radio. The Symphony's highly acclaimed education programs reach 15,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grades in five counties.

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