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LANSING SYMPHONY SEEKS SUBMISSIONS FOR YOUNG COMPOSERS COMPETITION

Lansing, MI – November 24, 2009 – The **Lansing Symphony Orchestra** seeks submissions for its fifth annual **Young Composers Competition**. Students between the ages of nine and 18 are invited to submit their original orchestral compositions for consideration. The composition should be between three and five minutes in length. It should be written for a string orchestra at minimum, but may also include brass, woodwind and percussion.

The winning composition will be performed by the Lansing Symphony and guests at the LSO's **Side-by-Side Concert** on **Sunday, April 18, 2010** at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. The Side-by-Side Concert will feature talented young musicians performing side-by-side with the LSO's professional musicians.

Contestants must be between the ages of nine and 18 by April 18, 2010 and must be a Michigan resident. Scores, along with a \$20 non-refundable entrance fee, must be submitted to the LSO offices by January 10, 2010. Winner(s) will be notified by February 1, 2010. The winner(s) must supply parts for the entire orchestra before March 1, 2010. A cash prize will be awarded to the winner of the competition. More information is available at www.LansingSymphony.org – Education.

The Lansing Symphony Orchestra was established in 1929 and is celebrating its 80th 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.

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