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## LANSING SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2010 SYMPHONY YOUTH COMPETITION

**April 26, 2010 – Lansing, MI** – The Lansing Symphony Orchestra announces the winners of its **2010 Symphony Youth Competition**, held Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the MSU College of Music. The 2010 Symphony Youth Competition was generously sponsored by the MSU Federal Credit Union.

Pianist **Cwen Homa** received First Place with her performance of the first movement of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor. Cwen is 17 years old and a 12<sup>th</sup> grade home school student. She studies with MSU Professor of Piano Deborah Moriarty. Her parents are Carl and Rose Homa of Eagle, MI. Cwen was the third place winner in last year's competition.

Cellist **Isabel Kwon** received Second Place with her performance of the first movement of Schumann's Concerto for Cello in A Minor. Isabel is 16 years old and a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Okemos High School. She studies with Jean Lee. Her parents are Patrick and Kate Kwon of Okemos, MI. Isabel was the second place winner in last year's competition.

Pianist **Elizabeth Xiong** received Third Place with her performance of the first movement of Muczynski's Piano Concerto No. 1. Elizabeth is 12 years old and a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Hart Middle School. She studies with Catherine Rollins. Her parents are Philip Xiong and Amy Tian of Rochester Hills, MI.

Area instrumentalists in grades 6 through 12 were eligible to participate in the competition. Lansing Symphony musicians Fangye Sun (Principal 2<sup>nd</sup> Violin), Richard Illman (Principal Trumpet) and Gretchen Morse (Oboe/English Horn) served as judges. In addition to a cash prize, the first place winner received a traveling

trophy and an invitation to perform with the Lansing Symphony during its 2010/2011 season. Cash prizes were also awarded to second and third place winners.

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 students in kindergarten through 12th grades. For more information, visit [www.LansingSymphony.org](http://www.LansingSymphony.org) or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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