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## LANSING SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF SYMPHONY YOUTH COMPETITION

**March 25, 2009 – Lansing, MI** – The Lansing Symphony Orchestra (LSO) announces the winners of its annual Symphony Youth Competition, held Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the MSU College of Music.

**First Place:** Deidreanna Potter, Harp - Age 15, 9<sup>th</sup> grade - Home-schooled (Charlotte) - Lauralee Campbell, teacher

**Second Place:** Isabel Kwon, Cello - Age 15, 9<sup>th</sup> grade - Okemos High School - Anthony Elliott, teacher

**Third Place:** (three-way tie)

Cwen Homa, Piano - Age 16, 11<sup>th</sup> grade - Home-schooled (Eagle) - Deborah Moriarty, teacher

Curtis Kuo, Cello - Age 12, 7<sup>th</sup> grade - Kinawa Middle School (Okemos) - Carrie Pierce, teacher

Jordan Lulloff, Alto Saxophone - Age 15, 10<sup>th</sup> grade - Okemos High School - Jonathan Nichol, teacher

**Honorable Mention:** Sebastian Kwon, Violin - Age 17, 12<sup>th</sup> grade - Okemos High School - Patricia Smith, teacher

Area instrumentalists in grades 6 through 12 were eligible to participate in the competition. Lansing Symphony musicians Ed Fedewa (Principal Bass) and Anton Shelepov (Assistant Concertmaster) served as judges. In addition to a cash prize, the first place winner received a traveling trophy and an invitation to perform with the LSO at a Side-by-Side Concert. Cash prizes were also awarded to second and third place winners.

“The Symphony Youth Competition has become an annual tradition for the LSO,” explains Leanne King, Director of Education & Operations for LSO. “We want to continue encouraging young, talented musicians to develop their skills and musicianship by giving them an opportunity to perform in a competitive setting.”

*The LSO Symphony Youth Competition was sponsored by Meijer.*

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 grades in five counties.

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