

LANSING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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LANSING SYMPHONY APPOINTS COURTNEY MILLBROOK AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LANSING, Mich. – September 22, 2009 – The Board of Directors of the Lansing Symphony Orchestra has appointed **Courtney Millbrook** as the organization’s **Executive Director**. Millbrook has been the Assistant Director of Development at the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts for the last year and a half, and comes to the new position with expertise in fundraising and management of non-profit organizations. Her past work experience includes positions with the Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park and the American Cancer Society.

“I am excited to join the Lansing Symphony Orchestra,” said Millbrook. “The organization has a long history as a vibrant and important cultural asset for our community. I look forward to working with a dedicated team of staff and supporters, and the community.” Her first day with the organization will be Monday, October 19, 2009.

The Lansing Symphony employs an administrative staff of four, an operations staff of three, and over 60 contracted musicians. **Music Director & Conductor Timothy Muffitt** has led the artistic vision of the organization since the 2006/2007 season and looks forward to working with Millbrook.

“We are very much looking forward to having Courtney on board with us,” said Muffitt. “She brings a great deal of knowledge and success in the arts and non-profit worlds of Michigan and will certainly have much to offer to the Greater Lansing area through the LSO.”

The Lansing Symphony Board of Directors is made up of 37 area business leaders and community members. **President Charles R. Hillary** has made the search for an Executive Director a focus of his 2009/2010 term and is very happy with the Board's choice.

“Courtney brings a set of skills that will benefit us in this tough economy,” explained Hillary. “We are excited to have her as part of our team.”

The Lansing Symphony Orchestra was established in 1929 and is currently celebrating its 80th anniversary. The LSO is a 501c(3) non-profit organization, providing the mid-Michigan area with orchestral and educational programming. 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. For more information, visit www.LansingSymphony.org.

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