

# LANSING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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## LANSING SYMPHONY HOSTS YOUTH COMPETITION FOR AREA INSTRUMENTALISTS

**February 24, 2010 – Lansing, MI** – The Lansing Symphony Orchestra (LSO) seeks applicants for its annual Symphony Youth Competition, to be held Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the MSU College of Music. The Symphony Youth Competition, sponsored by MSU Federal Credit Union, has been a tradition in the Lansing area for over 60 years, with many of its past winners going on to pursue professional performance careers.

Area instrumentalists in grades 6 through 12 are eligible to participate in the competition. They must perform a selection from a piece available for orchestra and solo instrument. In addition to a cash prize, the first place winner will receive a traveling trophy and an invitation to perform with the LSO during the 2010/2011 Season. Cash prizes will also be awarded to second and third place winners. Each participant will have the opportunity to receive feedback on their performance from LSO musicians serving as competition judges.

Interested applicants should download the full rules and registration form at [www.LansingSymphony.org](http://www.LansingSymphony.org) – Education. All applications must be returned to the LSO office or postmarked by Friday, April 9, 2010. Students can also call (517) 487-5001 for more information or to request application materials.

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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