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LANSING SYMPHONY INVITES SCHOOLS TO ATTEND FREE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS IN MARCH 2011

Lansing, MI – November 16, 2010 – The Lansing Symphony Orchestra has opened registration for its annual **Young People's Concerts**, to be held on **Wednesday, March 9, 2011** at Wharton Center's Great Hall. Two concerts will be held, at **9:30am and 11:15am**. The concerts are offered **free of charge** to all school districts and educational organizations. Enrollment is open to all grade levels, but the program will be targeted to fourth-through sixth-graders. Advanced registration is required, and registration forms can be found on the Education portion of the Symphony's website at www.LansingSymphony.org or by calling (517) 487-5001.

The 2011 Young People's Concerts will feature a performance of Benjamin Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*, with narration by **Chad Badgero**, Founder and Artistic Director of Lansing's Peppermint Creek Theatre Company. The orchestra will also perform selections from works that feature individual sections of the orchestra, including "Les Toreadors" from Bizet's *Carmen*, Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man*, Grieg's Holberg Suite and Gounod's "Little Symphony for Winds." Cwen Homa of Eagle, MI, winner of the 2010 Symphony Youth Competition, will perform the first movement of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 with the orchestra. Pre-concert materials and in-school presentations will be available to schools in order to prepare students for the concert.

The orchestra will be led by Lansing Symphony Music Director **Timothy Muffitt**, who is very passionate about the orchestra's Educational Programming. Muffitt explains, "Exposure and total immersion in the arts is vital for the developing minds and spirits of our young people."

The 2011 Young People's Concerts are sponsored by the Capital Region Community Foundation and Target.

The Lansing Symphony Orchestra was established in 1929 and has been presenting Young People's Concerts since 1947. More than 20,000 people attend Lansing Symphony concerts each year, and more than 250,000 listeners are able to hear broadcasts of the Symphony'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 or find us on Facebook or Twitter.

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