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LANSING SYMPHONY OPENS POPS SERIES WITH LATIN RHYTHMS

Lansing, MI – September 8, 2008 – The Lansing Symphony Orchestra will open its 2008/2009 Pops Series with a **Latin Rhythms** concert on **Saturday, September 27, 2008** at 8 p.m. at the Wharton Center's Cobb Great Hall. Latin Rhythms will feature Grammy-Award-winning Victor A. Vanacore as Guest Conductor, the dancing talents of Andrezej and Jenny Przbyl and the exciting music of Latin dance. The orchestra will be performing Vanacore's own arrangements of favorite dance tunes, including the Malagueña, España Cañí, Tango in D Major, and the Mexican Hat Dance, among many others. The Przbyls will be tearing up the Wharton Center stage as the Lansing Symphony sizzles with the music of samba, mambo, rumba, salsa, tango and more!

The Lansing Symphony's 2008/2009 Pops Series will present a total of three concerts: Latin Rhythms on Saturday, September 27, 2008; the traditional Holiday Pops on Sunday, December 21, 2008; and Broadway Romance on Valentine's Day February 14, 2009. This is the third season for the Symphony's Pops Series, which has seen tremendous growth over the past two seasons.

Subscriptions for the three-concert Pops Series start at just \$25 for Adults and \$20 for Students. First-time subscribers receive a 25% discount. **Single tickets for Pops concerts range from**

\$33 to \$10, depending on seating. Subscriptions and single tickets are available by calling the LSO at (517) 487-5001 or online at www.LansingSymphony.org.

Victor A. Vanacore has been at the nexus of popular music for the past 25 years. In 1974, Vanacore moved to Los Angeles where he joined the Jackson Five as a keyboardist and musical arranger. A year later, he became the Jacksons' permanent conductor and arranger. He has also served as Conductor and Arranger for The Fifth Dimension and Music Director for both Johnny Mathis and Barry Manilow. Victor Vanacore valued a close relationship with the musical icon Ray Charles, serving as his Musical Director, Arranger and Opening Act. Ray Charles' only platinum CD entitled, *Genius Loves Company* features Victor Vanacore's 80-piece Grammy Award winning orchestral arrangements.

In addition to his musical associations with celebrity vocalists, Vanacore enjoys a career as a Pops Conductor with symphony orchestras worldwide. His recent appearance as Conductor with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra at the Hollywood Bowl garnered broad critical acclaim. Recently, Victor has been working as a composer in conjunction with his brother David on the critically acclaimed hit CBS show *Survivor*. In addition, he is composing music for Donald Trump's *The Apprentice* and arranging music for *American Idol*. Recent symphonic works by Vanacore include *Detroit Soul*, commissioned by the Detroit Symphony featuring Motown themes, *America Then And Now* for New Jersey Public Television Network and *Spain Meets Birdland* for the Berklee College of Music 60th anniversary.

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 grade in five counties.

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