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LANSING SYMPHONY TO PRESENT TENOR GLENN SEVEN ALLEN IN VOCAL MASTER CLASS AT LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Lansing, MI – November 23, 2010 – The Lansing Symphony Orchestra will present Tenor Glenn Seven Allen in a vocal master class at Lansing Community College’s Dart Auditorium on Friday, December 10, 2010 from 9:00-11:00am. The East Lansing native will be joining the Lansing Symphony for its Holiday Pops concert on Sunday, December 12th at Wharton Center. A dedicated teacher and performer, Mr. Allen was interested in working with local voice students while in the area.

Four voice students from Lansing Community College’s Music Program will perform during the master class, and Mr. Allen will work with each of them on the music they select to perform. Attendance is free and open to the public.

“We’ve seen amazing growth in students who participate in master classes, and we are thrilled that the Lansing Symphony has invited LCC Music students to benefit from this generous opportunity,” explained Melissa Kaplan, Performing Arts Production Coordinator at LCC. “It gives the students selected for personal attention an intense dose of tailored and meaningful instruction, and the other students and community members who attend will have an opportunity to observe and learn from Mr. Allen as well.”



Hailed by the *New York Times* for his “strong voice and presence,” fast-rising Tenor Glenn Seven Allen has appeared on Broadway, Off-Broadway, and at major regional theatre, concert and opera venues throughout the United States. On Broadway, Mr. Allen appeared in *The Light in the Piazza* at Lincoln Center Theatre and *Girl Crazy* with City Center Encores. Mr. Allen was singled out by *CurtainUp* as “a special bonanza for ears eager for that most beautiful of instruments, the pure human voice.” His featured concerts include performances at the Kennedy Center, Joe’s Pub, Brooklyn Museum, the Westfield Symphony, Grand Hotel, New York Historical Society, and Lincoln Center. A prominent vocal and acting instructor, Mr. Allen has taught acting and masterclasses at Columbia University, the University of Washington, NYU, Marymount Manhattan, Bard Summerscape, and Opera NJ. His students have been nominated for multiple Emmy and Tony Awards and have appeared on Broadway in productions of *South Pacific*, *Shrek*, *the Light in the Piazza*, *Hairspray*, *Sweeney Todd*, and the Fox Television hit *GLEE*. He is also the proud co-founder of *Signature Broadway Pops* with Broadway soprano Janine DiVita. Mr. Allen holds an MFA in Acting from the University of Washington and a BFA in Musical Theatre from University of Michigan. He was a 2009/2010 Merola Competition Finalist, has received a Locke Newman Award in Acting, and a Helen Hayes Nomination for Best Actor. Upcoming concerts include appearances at the Houston Grand Opera. Glenn Seven Allen is a Michigan native and graduate of East Lansing High School. He attended Interlochen International Arts Camp and is a summer resident of Mackinac Island.

The Lansing Symphony Orchestra was established in 1929. More than 20,000 people attend Lansing Symphony concerts each year, and more than 250,000 listeners are able to hear broadcasts of the Lansing Symphony’s performances by NPR affiliate WKAR-FM Radio. The Lansing Symphony’s education programs reach students in kindergarten through 12th grades. For more information, visit www.LansingSymphony.org or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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