

# LANSING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

TIMOTHY MUFFITT • MUSIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR

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## LANSING SYMPHONY TO PRESENT HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!

**October 2, 2009 – Lansing, MI** – The Lansing Symphony

Orchestra will celebrate the season with its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Halloween**

**Spooktacular! Family Concert** on **Sunday, October 25, 2009** at **3 p.m.**

at **East Lansing High School's Auditorium**. The program is perfect for ghosts and ghouls of all ages and will feature “spooky” music from the orchestral repertoire, popular film and more. Music Director **Timothy**

**Muffitt** will lead the orchestra in a program that includes three pieces featured in Disney's *Fantasia*: Bach's Toccata in D Minor, Mussorgsky's *Night on the Bald Mountain*, and Dukas' *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* (remember Mickey with the hat and the bucket?). Other classical favorites on the program include Gounod's “Funeral March of a Marionette,” “Fossils” from Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals* and Saint-Saëns' *Danse Macabre*. Familiar music from the films *The Addams Family* and *Harry Potter* will round out the program.

Everyone in attendance is encouraged to **wear a costume** for this family-friendly performance. Children will receive special Halloween treats and activities. Muffitt and the musicians will be dressed for the occasion.

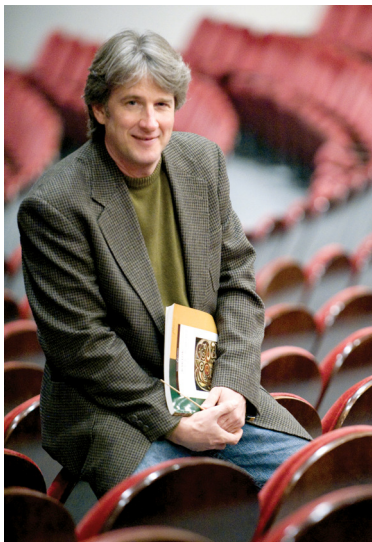
“One of the primary objectives of our Family Concert is to create an event where families can come together and enjoy a great musical experience,” explains Muffitt. “Our program will appeal to adults as much as it will to children of all ages. It is a true family experience. We are so excited that this has become a Lansing-area Halloween tradition, and I am personally looking forward to sharing this great music with our audience in a fun and relaxed environment.”



**Tickets for the Halloween Spooktacular! Family Concert are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Students**

**(Children).** Group discounts are available: 25% for groups of 10 or more and 50% for groups of 50 or more.

**Tickets are available by calling (517) 487-5001 or online 24 hours a day at [www.LansingSymphony.org](http://www.LansingSymphony.org).**



The 2009/2010 season marks Music Director Timothy Muffitt's fourth season with the Lansing Symphony. In addition to his role with the LSO, Muffitt is in his 11<sup>th</sup> season as Music Director & Conductor of the Baton Rouge Symphony. In the summer, he also serves as Music Director of the Chautauqua Institution's Music School Festival Orchestra, one of the country's premier orchestral training ensembles. Previously, Muffitt served as the Associate Conductor of the Austin Symphony and as Artistic Director of the Louisiana Philharmonic's Casual Classics Series, for which he was awarded a Certificate of

Meritorious Service from the American Federation of Musicians. Muffitt has appeared with leading orchestras throughout the country and is recognized as a strong proponent of community arts education. He also has appeared with the San Francisco Symphony, the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, the Long Beach Symphony, Columbus Ohio's Pro Musica Chamber Orchestra, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Virginia Symphony, the Grant Park Music Festival Orchestra in Chicago, and the Symphonies of Houston, Phoenix, Edmonton, Harrisburg, and Spokane. He has worked with many prominent performers, including Renee Fleming, Yo Yo Ma, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Andre Watts, Alicia de Larrocha, Pinchas Zukerman, Van Cliburn, Lynn Harrell, and Itzhak Perlman; and many prominent composers, including John Cage, Joseph Schwantner, Ellen Taffe Zwilich, John Harbison, Joan Tower, and Bernard Rands. Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Timothy Muffitt studied at the Eastman School of Music, where he earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree.

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 15,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grades in five counties. For more information, visit [www.LansingSymphony.org](http://www.LansingSymphony.org).

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