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A Spring Evening of Classical and Jazz Favorites

The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) and Fenton Jazz Orchestra invite you to join them for their 6th Spring Concert Celebration. The concert will take place at the Fenton High School Ruby Zima Auditorium on Saturday, May, 7th at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free but donations are greatly appreciated. Fenton High School is located at 3200 W. Shiawassee Ave. Fenton, MI 48430.

The FCO and Fenton Jazz Orchestra will perform a variety of classical works and jazz standards under the baton of Conductor Mr. Andrew Perkins. FCO will perform well known works like Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* and a *Suite from Star Wars* by John Williams. In addition, they will perform an original suite of music from Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds* written by Andrew Perkins. The Fenton Jazz Orchestra will have your foot tapping to favorites like *Ran Kan Kan* by Tito Puente, *West Coast Blues* by Wes Montgomery, and *Sing, Sing, Sing* by Louis Prima.

"75 orchestra and 25 jazz musicians performed on stage to more than 550 audience members last December. In February we held our first (sold out) Gala," said, FCO Executive Director Jennifer Fleck. "We are looking forward to another fantastic evening of live music to share with our community on May 7th. In addition, we open our Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, May 5th to the community. From 7-8pm we will perform our concert pieces allowing insight into our rehearsals as an orchestra. Our 6th season as an orchestra has been wonderfully full."

Thanks to the generous support from Vic Canever Chevrolet and The Laundry FCO held their Music in the Schools program on April 15. A 23-member ensemble of FCO musicians led by Director Andrew Perkins visited three Fenton area elementary schools for an interactive and educational performance attended by 1,400 students. On Friday, June 3 (7pm), FCO and FHS Jazz will kick off the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Summer Concert in the Parks series on the back patio of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. Rain location is the Fenton United Methodist Church.

"It's a win-win situation," said Andrew Perkins, Music Director for the FCO and Fenton Schools Band Program. "The reciprocal relationship between the FCO and the Fenton Schools increases the musical opportunities for our students and community members."

The FCO is a community - supported orchestra that provides a place for musicians of all ages to connect through music by offering an educational and entertaining music program for its members and audiences. The FCO is under the musical direction of Mr. Andrew Perkins, Director of Bands for Fenton Area Public Schools and is governed by the FCO Board of Directors.

FCO is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Donations are tax deductible as we are a 501c3 non-profit organization. To make a donation and learn more about the Fenton Community Orchestra, visit: www.fentoncommunityorchestra.org