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A Spring Evening of Classic and Jazz Favorites

FENTON, MI - The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) and Fenton Jazz Orchestra invite you to join them for their 5th Spring Concert Celebration. The concert will take place at the Fenton High School Ruby Zima Auditorium on Friday, May, 1st 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 Copland's *Hoe-Down* from *Rodeo*, Stravinsky's *Berceuse and Finale* from *The Firebird Suite*, and Saint-Saens' *Royal March of the Lions* from the *Carnival of the Animals*. The Fenton Jazz Orchestra will have your foot tapping to favorites like *Limbo Jazz* by Duke Ellington, *Doozy* by Benny Carter, and *Boplicity* by Miles Davis.

"75 orchestra and 25 jazz musicians performed on stage to more than 500 audience members last December," said, FCO Executive Director Jennifer Fleck. "We are looking forward to another fantastic evening of live music to share with our community on May 1. In addition, we are working with the Fenton High School Chapter of the Key Club to open our Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, April 30 to area senior citizen groups. Thanks to the generous support from our sponsors Vic Canever Chevrolet, The Laundry, and The UPS Store we also held our Music in the Schools program this year. Our 5th season as an orchestra has been wonderfully full."

An ensemble of FCO musicians led by Director Andrew Perkins visited three Fenton area elementary schools on April 17 for an interactive and educational performance attended by 1,400 students.

"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 members."

"The support from the community is wonderful," added Eric Szczepanski, Vice President of the FCO Board. "Together we are building a community rich in music and culture."

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

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.

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