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## Fenton Community Orchestra presents Music in the Schools

On April 17<sup>th</sup> the Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) will bring 25 members of the orchestra off stage and into three Fenton area elementary schools for its Music in the Schools program. Director Fenton School Bands and FCO Music Director Andrew Perkins will lead the group for an interactive and educational session that includes performances of orchestral pieces, demonstration of various instruments, and musicians sharing their experience in selecting, learning, and playing their instruments.

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

"Although area schools have music and band programs they don't offer string instruction," said FCO Executive Director, Jennifer Fleck. "More than 1,400 elementary students from Fenton Schools will take part in this unique event. I'm thrilled we are in a position to give back and support music education in our schools. The elementary children have always been polite and attentive when we come to play. They also have expressed sheer joy and excitement when they listened to a lively piece of music making this one of the most rewarding concerts to play as a musician."

The Music in the Schools program is made possible by the generous support from our sponsors Vic Canever Chevrolet, The Laundry, and The UPS Store. This activity is also 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](http://www.fentoncommunityorchestra.org)

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