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Fenton Community Orchestra performs LIVE original score to Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*

Tickets are on sale NOW for a special Red Carpet Gala featuring the classic movie and an original score by local composer Andrew David Perkins

FENTON, MI – The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) will perform an original film score live to a screening of the 1963 Alfred Hitchcock film *The Birds*. This will be a world premiere of the composition written by FCO Music Director, Andrew David Perkins.

The Red Carpet Gala will be held on Saturday, February, 27th at 8:00pm in the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased on the Fenton Community Orchestra website: www.FentonOrchestra.org

Doors will open for the Gala at 6pm for guests to enjoy a cocktail party, a display of works by local artists inspired by the film *The Birds*, photo opportunities, and a Silent Auction. The show begins at 8pm and will be followed by a Q&A with the composer.

"This is a completely unique cultural experience," said Jennifer Fleck, FCO Executive Director. "It is rare to have an orchestra perform live to a movie. Enjoying a classic film with original music in a Hollywood movie premiere-style event will make an evening we will all remember for years to come. We are encouraging guests to dress-up, have dinner at one of our wonderful restaurants in downtown Fenton and then come to see how Gerych's has helped us transform Fenton's fantastic Community & Cultural Center into our special movie venue."

"Having composed primarily concert works, it has always been a dream of mine to score a feature film," said FCO Music Director Andrew Perkins. "Composing music for a cinematic masterpiece like *The Birds* is a dream come true. The decision not to score the film in 1963 was unconventional and experimental, and it made me wonder; 'how would Bernard Herrmann have treated the film if Hitchcock had asked him to score it?' The music I've composed offers a possible answer to that question, paying tribute to Herrmann's style, and allowing audiences to experience the film in a whole new way."

"It is so exciting to have the Fenton Community Orchestra choose the Community and Cultural Center to kick off the 2016 Cultural Season with this exciting event. Guests will have an opportunity to experience the beauty of the new addition," said Pat Lockwood, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Fenton. "Congratulations to this talented orchestra! Our community looks forward to this special evening."

FCO's Red Carpet Gala is a fundraiser for the orchestra and sponsored in part by Tanglewood Home Care, Gerych's and the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. Many area businesses

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have generously donated to provide Silent Auction items and other goods to make this event possible.

FCO is in its 6th season and 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. 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 FCO is a 501c3 non-profit organization. To make a donation and learn more about the Fenton Community Orchestra and upcoming events, visit: www.FentonOrchestra.org

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Fenton Community Orchestra – December 11, 2015 Concert – Fenton High School Auditorium



Fenton Community Orchestra – January 7, 2016 First Rehearsal for *The Birds* Red Carpet Gala

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