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More than 100 Musicians will Perform in our December Concerts

FENTON, MI - The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) and Fenton High School (FHS) Jazz Orchestra invite you to join them for their December Concert Celebration. The concert will take place at the Fenton High School Ruby Zima Auditorium on Thursday, December 7th and Friday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free (donations are appreciated). Fenton High School is located at 3200 W. Shiawassee Ave. Fenton, MI 48430.

FCO Full Orchestra and FHS Jazz Orchestra will perform a variety of classical, holiday and jazz standards under the baton of Conductor Mr. Andrew Perkins. FCO will perform well known works like Saint-Saens *Danse Macabre*, Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony* and Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*. FHS Jazz will have your foot tapping to favorites like Hancock's *Cantaloupe Island* and Strommen's *A Big Band Christmas*.

"We have had a fantastic start to our 8th Season. It was kicked off with a Concert in the Park on July 3rd with an orchestra from France. In September we formed a new Wind Ensemble that will premiere on Friday, December 8th under the direction of Timothy Martuch and we received our fourth grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)," said FCO Executive Director, Jennifer Fleck. "We are excited that more than 100 musicians will perform and share live music with our community on Thursday & Friday evenings." The concert on Thursday will begin with the Intermediate String Orchestra (Simply Strings) under the baton of Jane Ball. Group reservations are being taken for the Thursday, December 7th concert.

"Our community support is incredible," added John Andersen, President of the FCO Board. "That support combined with the grants (from MCACA and the NEA) have allowed us to not just continue but to increase the events and musical opportunities we are able to provide for the Fenton area. If you have a passion for the arts and music in the community but are not a musician there are still opportunities to volunteer your time and talent. We are always looking for dedicated members of the community to serve on our committees that support the operations and FCO board throughout the year." Stay up-to-date with FCO on Facebook: [Facebook.com/FentonCommunityOrchestra](https://www.facebook.com/FentonCommunityOrchestra) and follow on Twitter: @FentonOrchestra.

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

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. FCO is run by Executive Director Jennifer Fleck 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 visit: www.FentonOrchestra.org



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FCO In Concert July 3, 2017, Rackham Park, with orchestra from Limonest, France



FCO April 29, 2017 – Fenton High School Auditorium



FCO Full Orchestra Rehearsal, Fenton High School Band Room, November 2017