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**PRESS RELEASE INFORMATION:
2011 YOUNG ARTIST CONCERTO COMPETITION**

The Paducah Symphony Orchestra and the Murray State University Department of Music will co-sponsor the Young Artist Concerto Competition on Saturday, January 22, 2011 in the Performing Arts Hall and Farrell Recital Hall, Price Doyle Fine Arts Center, on the MSU campus. Performances will begin at 1 PM and are free and open to the public.

The Piano Division will include seven high school piano students from Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee performing single movements of piano concertos by Beethoven, Saint-Saens, Schumann, Prokofiev and Kabalevsky. The first place winner will be announced following the performances and will receive a \$1000 cash prize, performance with the Paducah Symphony Orchestra on April 16, 2011, Music Scholarship to Murray State University (if eligible), and a first place award plaque. Dr. Richard Scott, MSU Department of Music, is the Competition Director.

There are twelve entrants in the Instrumental Division of the competition (violin, viola, cello and flute) from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, South Carolina and Tennessee. Works include concerto movements by Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, Saint-Saens, Elgar, Sibelius, Hindemith, Bruch, Barber and Khatchaturian. That competition will take place simultaneously in Farrell Recital Hall with the Piano Division. The winner will also receive a \$1000 cash prize and a performance with the Paducah Symphony Orchestra on April 16, 2011. Darlene Dreyer, PSO Executive Director, is the Competition Director.

For season subscription passes, concert tickets, group outings, or more information, please call the Paducah Symphony:

270.444.0065.

Paducah Symphony Box Office & Shoppe, 201 Broadway, Paducah, KY 42001

Download Season Calendar & Ticket Order forms at www.paducahsymphony.org.

Proceeds support live music and music education programs by the Paducah Symphony Orchestra.

The Paducah Symphony Orchestra

The mission of the Paducah Symphony Orchestra (PSO), which celebrates its 32nd Anniversary this year, is to bring the rewards of great music to a growing and diverse regional audience. To this end, the organization shall administer and sponsor a symphony orchestra and chorus of the highest quality. Its objectives shall be to offer a full range of concerts and performances of music of quality always with full cognizance of fiscal responsibility. It shall cooperate with other organizations connected with the arts and shall do those things which, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, will enrich its service and enhance the cultural reputation of the region.

This regional professional symphony orchestra, currently under the direction of Raffaele Ponti, is a cultural resource for the entire Western Kentucky region. The PSO, presently the Orchestra-in-Residence at the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center, encompasses a wide range of ensembles, including the PSO Professional Orchestra, the Paducah POPS Orchestra, an auditioned adult Symphony Chorus, a multi-county Children's Chorus, and a Music Education Program. Our Director of Choruses is Dr. Bradley Almquist. For over 30 years, the PSO has served as the premier musical organization in western Kentucky and the surrounding region, enhancing the area's cultural reputation by expanding its appearances and collaborations with community partners.

TO OUR FRIENDS FROM THE MEDIA: Electronic photo images available upon request.

For more information about the Paducah Symphony Orchestra, visit www.paducahsymphony.org. Our mailing address is 201 Broadway, Paducah, KY 42001. For local tourism information, visit www.paducah-tourism.org. For nationwide concert information, visit www.instantencore.com. To hear rebroadcasts of the Paducah Symphony, please visit our media partner, WKMS, at www.wkms.org or 91.3 FM.

Events of the Paducah Symphony Orchestra, the official Orchestra-in-Residence of the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center, are funded in part by grants from the Kentucky Arts Council and the City of Paducah, as well as donations from generous community friends. The Paducah Symphony Orchestra is a member of the League of American Orchestras.

We apologize if you have received this notice in error or in duplicate. If you prefer not to receive information regarding the Paducah Symphony Orchestra, please send an e-mail describing the nature of your request to admin@paducahsymphony.org.

The Paducah Symphony Orchestra is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that offers all persons equal access and opportunities to participate in its services, programs, and activities, and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, or creed.

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