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Waterford Kettering Symphony Orchestra Chosen to Perform at Michigan Music Conference

November 7, 2008, Waterford, Mich. – The Michigan Music Conference, *An In-Service for Music Educators*, has announced that the Waterford Kettering Symphony Orchestra has been accepted to perform at the State's largest conference for music educators on Friday, January 23, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in Grand Rapids.

The Waterford Kettering Symphony Orchestra is one of only 9 instrumental groups chosen to perform as part of the educational experience for music teachers statewide. Last year's conference was attended by 2,000 music educators from the Midwest; an additional 10,000 administrators, students, and parents participated in this three-day conference, making it one of the largest groups to come through the Amway Grand Plaza and DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

In 2007, two of Kettering's orchestras were selected to compete in the National Orchestra Festival at the American Strings Teachers Association National Conference at the Max Fischer Orchestra Hall in Detroit, against top tier orchestras from as far away as Kansas, Idaho, Georgia and California. In addition, orchestra instructor, Merlyn Beard, was a finalist last year in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's teacher of the year.

The Michigan Music Conference, *An In-Service for Music Educators*, provides an annual in-service opportunity for the professional development of Michigan music educators, and serves as a coordinating body for collaborative, inter-association initiatives in support of school music in Michigan.

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