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MUSKEGON COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION 86th Season Begins Oct. 10 with Grand Rapids Ballet at Frauenthal

MUSKEGON COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION OPENS ITS 2009-2010 CONCERT SEASON-CELEBRATING ITS 86th ANNIVERSARY

MUSKEGON, Mich., Sept., 2009—The Muskegon Community Concert Association (MCCA) opens its 2009-2010 Season, its 86th season, on Sat., Oct. 10, 2009 with a spectacular program by the **Grand Rapids Ballet Company** at the beautiful, historic Frauenthal Theater in downtown Muskegon.

MCCA is pleased and excited to present the **Grand Rapids Ballet Company** in a performance of George Balanchine's masterpiece *Prodigal Son*. (*Prodigal Son* Choreography by George Balanchine, copyright The George Balanchine Trust.) Also featured on the program are two Gordon Peirce Schmidt classics: the joyous *Holberg Suite* and passionate *Vers la Flamme*.

Following concerts will be dual pianists **Davide Cabassi & Tatiana Larionova** in November, **Intersection**, trio of violin, cello and piano in February, **The Indianapolis Opera Ensemble** featuring four artist-quality vocalists in March, the **Byron Stripling Quartet** – outstanding jazz in April, and a winning wrap-up to a great group of concerts, **The Canadian Tenors**, featuring four dynamic and accomplished young men in May on Mother's Day.

For 86 years the Muskegon Community Concert Association has been promoting the cultural and aesthetic growth of Muskegon and the surrounding West Michigan lakeshore communities by providing a dynamic spectrum of internationally renowned artists in an intimate, hometown setting.

Over the years, MCCA has presented such fine groups as the London String Quartet, the New York String Quartet, Canadian Brass, Chicago Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Cincinnati Symphony, Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, Vienna Boys' Choir, Ballet of Finland, Prague Chamber Orchestra, Four Freshman, and French Chamber Orchestra, and individuals like Isaac Stern, Artur Rubenstein, Christopher Parkening, Stecher & Horowitz, Jaime Laredo, Michi Wiancko and Angela Jia Kim. Since 1991, MCCA has provided student outreach concerts to area youth from elementary through high school grades.

MCCA is a non-profit arts organization, founded and run by volunteers since 1924. MCCA is focused on bringing the highest quality fine arts programming to the West Michigan lakeshore communities. MCCA is 100% funded and supported by the members & organizations of our community. If you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering for MCCA, please contact MCCA at 231-722-6520.

MCCA 2009-2010 Season Concert Summary:

2009-2010 MCCA Concerts at the Frauenthal:

The Grand Rapids Ballet Company	7:30 PM, Sat., Oct. 10, 2009
Daive Cabassi & Tatiana Larionova	7:30 PM, Thur, Nov. 12, 2009
Intersection	7:30 PM, Tues., Feb. 2, 2010
Indianapolis Opera Ensemble	7:30 PM, Mon., Mar. 29, 2010
Byron Stripling Quartet	7:30 PM, Fri., Apr. 9, 2010
Canadian Tenors	7:30 PM, Sun., May 9, 2010

Ticket Information

Tickets are available in person at the Frauenthal Box Office 425 W. Western Muskegon, MI 49440 **(231) 727-8001** (11 AM-6 PM, M-F) and at Star Tickets Plus Outlets (800) 585-3737 or www.startickets.com (add'l fees may apply).

Single Ticket Prices:

\$30 – Adult

\$25 – Senior Age 65 & Over

\$5 – Student/Child Under 18 or with Valid Student ID

\$15 – Group Rate per Ticket for Groups of 10 or More (Group reservations must be made in advance through the Frauenthal Box Office 231-727-8001; 11am-6pm. M-F)

Season Membership Ticket Prices (all six concerts):

Adult	\$80
Student/Child	\$15
2 Adults & Child(ren)	\$175
1 Adult & Child(ren)	\$95

General and Patron Seating:

All tickets are general admission. Patron seating sections are reserved general admission seats in blocks toward the front center of the main floor and lower balcony. Patron seating is available for a donation of \$35 or more per ticket order. Giving categories are \$35, \$75, \$150, \$500, and concert underwriting starts at \$2,500. **We welcome your season membership support and appreciate your tax-deductible donations.** Donation checks payable to MCCA can be mailed to MCCA 587 W. Western, Muskegon, MI 49440 or, if you find it more convenient to donate when ordering tickets at the box office, checks can be made out to the Frauenthal for MCCA and given to the box office.

MCCA thanks you for supporting the arts in our community.

For more information, visit www.muskegonconcerts.org or call MCCA at 231-722-6520.