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WABASH VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY TO PERFORM WINTER CONCERT,
FEATURE MEMBER SOLOISTS

WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA January 26, 2010 – The Wabash Valley Youth Symphony (WVYS) will present its second concert in this, its 10th Anniversary year on Sunday, February 7th at 2:30 p.m. The winter concert will take place at the First United Methodist Church at 1700 W. State St. in West Lafayette.

Conductor, violinist, violist and composer Mr. Zachary Carrettin said, "You may consider this a "spotlight" concert. WVYS is truly a deep group of very talented musicians, and the talent that each of the students brings the whole symphony is obvious. In this concert, selected works will feature soloists from within WVYS. We're pleased to perform a set of concerti that feature the gifted abilities of this area's young musicians."

The WVYS musicians will open the program with Vivaldi's "Winter" from "The Four Seasons." Also on the program is Dittersdorf Sinfonia Concertante for Contrabass and Viola, Beethoven Triple Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano and Mozart Symphony #40 in G minor. Soloists include Marcos Cisneros, Joey Frank, Brittany Letcher, Lillian Mui, Mark Timmerman and Yi Yang.

Regan Eckstein, Administrative Director noted, "Since our last concert, the students have worked in sectional rehearsals; having received instruction from specialized guest conductors and in small groups with Mr. Carrettin. We're very proud of our soloists and the effort and time they've dedicated toward this performance. In addition, the entire group deserves praise for providing such a solid musical background for each of these solo works."

During the past few years, WVYS has worked to build the program in both terms of the music performed and the educational instruction members receive. Eckstein said, "We've performed original works as conducted by the composer, great classics and works of 20th century composers. We've continued to advance our students' abilities and understanding of symphonic music through their exposure to multiple talented conductors - each providing unique guidance to the various sections and the symphony as a whole. In this, our first year with Mr. Carrettin conducting, we've been pleased to fortify students' performance abilities and at the same time, enhance their greater understanding of the theory and beauty of the musical works we perform. We're pleased to share the fruits of these labors with the community."

WVYS is a non-profit, 501(C)(3) organization comprised of 70 area 6th-12th grade young performers from across west central Indiana. It is supported by corporate sponsors as well as by private donations and grants. Sponsors for this tenth anniversary season include Akina, Inc., Arnett Clinic Foundation, Innovar, Eli Lilly & Co., and Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union, Asia Market, Tippecanoe Arts Federation and Indiana Arts Commission. This free concert is open to the public.

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