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**WABASH VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY TO PERFORM WORLD PREMIERE
COMPOSITION AT SPRING CONCERT**

WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA April 30, 2009 – The Wabash Valley Youth Symphony will perform a spring concert on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 7:15 pm at the Long Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Lafayette. The concert, like all WVYS concerts, is free and open to the public.

This spring concert will feature something very unique, a world premiere of a composition specifically composed for the Wabash Valley Youth Symphony. WVYS Artistic Director and composer, Dr. Carlos Carrillo explained that over the past year, WVYS has had an emphasis on original compositions and worked with composers and soloists. "This provides the students with an exceptional learning opportunity and some great exposure to new and different types of symphonic music." Carrillo continued, "We are thrilled to welcome to the stand Armando Bayolo who will conduct a piece he composed for me and WVYS. This will be the world premiere of Bayolo Symphony Cancionero Mudo."

WVYS will also perform Aaron Copland's Hoedown from Rodeo, Mozart's Flute Concerto in G Major with flute soloist Anne Reynolds, and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8 in G Major. Carrillo said, "We are very excited about the works we will be performing and about our guest at this concert."

WVYS Administrative Director, Regan Eckstein said, "We both welcome and encourage area band and orchestra students to attend. It allows them a chance to understand how they can participate and grow in performing symphonic scores."

Zoe Masters, a senior at West Lafayette JR/SR high school has been a member of WVYS for 4 years. She said, "Being in WVYS has really helped me sharpen my skills and fine tune my understanding of performing music. I really want to encourage other students to come to the concert and give it a try. If you love music, this is a great way to learn and grow musically."

This is the final concert of this 2008-2009 series. It is also the final performance for 8 graduating high school seniors. The WVYS is comprised of more than seventy area youth from six west central Indiana counties. Students ranging in age from sixth through twelfth grade showcase their symphonic aptitude on strings, brass, percussion and woodwind instruments.

WVYS is a non-profit, 501(C)(3) organization that is supported by corporate sponsors: Akina, Inc., Arnett Clinic Foundation, Innovar, Eli Lilly & Co., and Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union as well as by private donations and grants. There is no fixed membership fee for the students.

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