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Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings Presents Holiday Brass

Southfield, MI, November 4, 2010 - Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings (DCWS) presents its seasonal celebration, *Holiday Brass*, in two performances: Sunday, December 5th at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 12th, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church at 7:30 p.m. Both concerts will be preceded by a Holiday Sing-Along at 6:45 p.m.

"Holiday Brass is a great way to kick off the season," says DCWS Executive Director Maury Okun, "We have families who come every year, so this is a tradition for many people. This year we are returning to Royal Oak for the first time in quite a few years and we are excited to reach a new audience."

The performance will include an assortment of festive selections arranged for different combinations of brass instruments. In addition, DCWS will once again welcome talented young musicians from area schools to join in the music-making. The choirs from Stoney Creek high school will be highlighted on the December 5th concert, and the Dakota High School choirs will share the stage with DCWS at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on December 12th.

Both the Stoney Creek and Dakota High School choirs will perform works for choir and brass. The choirs will also display their talent with a capella performances of holiday songs.

Two brass arrangements of familiar Handel tunes will evoke the season: "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" from *Solomon* and "Let the Bright Seraphim" from *Samson*. Music with holiday flair will include the overture to *The Nutcracker*, "I'll be Home for Christmas," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World".

DCWS will introduce audiences to modern seasonal melodies, including *Gospel Hall* by Chris Hazell and *Three Christmas Motets* by Brandon Ulrich. A local composer, Ulrich directs the choirs of Stoney Creek high school, members of which will join DCWS on the December 5th concert. Detroit music lovers will enjoy William Bolcom's *Fanfare for the Detroit Opera House*: Fantasia for four voices.

Ticket Information

Advance tickets for these concerts are **\$35** for adults, **\$30** for seniors (60 and older) and **\$10** for students. To purchase tickets, call **(248) 559-2095** or visit the DCWS website at www.detroitchamberwinds.org. Tickets are \$5 more at the door.

Concert Information

Holiday Brass with Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Sunday, December 5, 7:30 PM – *Sponsored by Varnum LLP*
First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak
529 Hendrie Boulevard - Royal Oak, MI 48067

Sunday, December 12, 7:30 PM – *Sponsored by Butzel Long*
Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
16 Lake Shore Rd - Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236-3783

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings is an ensemble of musicians drawn primarily from the Detroit Symphony and Michigan Opera Theatre orchestras. Now in its 29th year, Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents mixed works for winds, brass and strings.

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