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**NEW YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FORMED;
FIRST CONCERT TO BE ALL-BEATLES SYMPHONIC PROGRAM**

FRANKLIN, Tenn., (April 11, 2010) – Middle Tennessee has a new 64-member youth orchestra. And its first concert will be one fans of the 60's will thoroughly enjoy.

The Cool Springs Youth Orchestra (www.coolspringsyouthorchestra.com), an auditioned symphony for teens (primarily 9th through 12th graders) from throughout Middle Tennessee, formed in February and will perform its inaugural concert, an all-Beatles program, on Sunday, May 2, 2010, at 7 p.m., with the well-known Nashville-based Beatles tribute band, the WannaBeatles, as special guests.

The concert will be at Liberty Hall at the Factory in Franklin and tickets will go on sale Monday, April 12th via the orchestra's website: www.coolspringsyouthorchestra.com.

"I'm excited about the caliber players we have in this young group and look forward to our first concert," said Mark Johnson, director of the symphony. "The students are excellent musicians and have really taken to these great Lennon-McCartney songs that made such an impact on many of us growing up in the 60s. And with our collaboration with the WannaBeatles, I think those patrons who turn out for this concert will be thoroughly entertained."

Long active in the area's symphony scene, Johnson has also directed the Williamson County Youth Orchestra and the Cool Springs Symphony. He has also worked as a Music Editor with LifeWay and as a composer/arranger for numerous projects.

The Beatles, who so dramatically impacted the world's music scene in the 1960s, wrote a number of songs that used orchestral support either in part or in total, such "Yesterday," "Penny Lane," "All You Need is Love," and "A Day in the Life." The youth orchestra will perform a number of these tunes and will join with the WannaBeatles on more, following a set performed by the tribute band.

As a group, the WannaBeatles (www.thewannabeatles.com) has been performing Beatles hits since 2005 and features four professional, award-winning studio musicians who also tour, perform and arrange. Individually and apart from the group, the members have performed and recorded with some of the biggest names in pop, country, Christian, and jazz music. They have previously been featured at the Brentwood Summer Concert Series at Crockett Park and the Carnton Summer Concert Series at Carnton Plantation.

“We’ve got some great plans for this youth orchestra, exposing them not only to the classics, and pop standards such as this Beatle repertoire, but to all types of musical experiences and tastes as well,” Johnson said. “We intend to give them some exposure beyond Middle Tennessee, too. I want performing symphonic music to be a real joy for these kids and look forward to showing them how broad and impactful this music can be in their lives.”

Tickets for the concert are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door with open, first-come, first-served seating. Patrons can purchase tickets at the youth orchestra’s website using Paypal. Or they can email to tickets@coolspringshyouthorchestra.com or call 615-375-6724.

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