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Midland Symphony Orchestra (MSO) announces:

Nominations Sought for Kendall/Pelton Musician of the Year Award

MIDLAND - Nominations from the public are open for the 2008 Kendall/Pelton Musician of the Year Award. The award is given annually to a person (or persons) who has made a great contribution to music in Midland, and whose life has musically affected and encouraged people of all ages.

The award was established in memory of Harold S. Kendall and Grace and Earl Pelton, musicians who were instrumental in organizing musical activities in the Midland community that still flourish today. Midland Symphony Orchestra has been presenting this award since 1959. This year's award will be presented at the December 6, 2008 MSO performance, *Handel's Messiah*, at Midland Center for the Arts.

Candidates can be nominated by letters of recommendation from area residents and must be postmarked by **November 7, 2008** and addressed to: Musician of the Year, Attn: Midland Symphony Orchestra, 1801 W. St. Andrews, Midland, MI 48640. For more information, including a list of past participants, contact Kimberly Dimond, managing director of the Midland Symphony Orchestra at 631-5930, ext. 1502 or email dimond@mcfta.org.

The Midland Symphony Orchestra (MSO) offers a six-concert season featuring renowned guest artists. Providing mid-Michigan with continuous symphonic music since 1936, the MSO also sponsors educational opportunities through its touring ensembles in the schools, Community Orchestra, chamber concerts, Tunes for Tots, a summer outdoor event, prelude lectures, scholarships, music appreciation programs and guest artist master classes and residencies.

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