



Antonia Joy Wilson
Artistic Director & Conductor

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Midland Symphony Orchestra presents:

What: "Fire & Ice"

When: Saturday, February 5, 2011 • 8 pm
Prelude • 7:15 pm

Where: Auditorium, Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640

Cost: \$24 & \$32 Adults | \$10 Students

Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org

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MIDLAND – Come in from the cold when Midland Symphony Orchestra, Antonia Joy Wilson, Artistic Director and Conductor, presents *Fire & Ice* at Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews, on February 5 at 8 pm. A passionate Spanish-inspired beginning lays the foundation for Tchaikovsky's calming first symphony. The MSO welcomes GRAMMY Award-winning guitarist Sharon Isbin to the stage for Joaquin Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*. Sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors.

Adult tickets are \$24 and \$32; Student tickets are \$10, with a special Student Rush Ticket of \$5 (available day of concert only). Tickets are available online at www.mcfta.org or by calling 800-523-7649. The Prelude, an informal discussion among the conductor, guest artist Sharon Isbin, and the audience, will take place at 7:15 pm.

In honor of the MSO's Diamond Jubilee, Jenkins Custom Jewelers returns with a beautiful diamond necklace to raffle off during the evening. Raffle tickets sold the night of the concert only.

PROGRAM:

Manuel de Falla *El Amor Brujo: Ritual Fire Dance*
Mozart *Don Giovanni: Overture*
Joaquin Rodrigo *Concierto de Aranjuez*
Tchaikovsky "Winter Daydreams" *Symphony No. 1 in G Minor*

SHARON ISBIN, GUITAR

GRAMMY Award® winner
Performing Joaquin Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*

Acclaimed for her extraordinary lyricism, technique and versatility, multiple GRAMMY Award® winner Sharon Isbin has been hailed as "the pre-eminent guitarist of our time." Winner of the Madrid, Toronto, and Munich Competitions, and *Guitar Player's* "Best Classical Guitarist" award, Ms. Isbin gives sold-out performances throughout the world. On September 11, 2002, Ms. Isbin performed at Ground Zero for the internationally televised memorial. In November 2009, she performed a concert at the White House by invitation of the President and First Lady. She is the

featured soloist in the soundtrack of Martin Scorsese's Academy Award-winning film, *The Departed*.

Ms. Isbin's catalog includes over 25 recordings, from Baroque and Spanish/Latin to crossover and jazz-fusion. Her 2010 GRAMMY Award-winning CD, *Journey to the New World*, features Joan Baez in songs, and Mark O'Connor in the premiere of his suite for violin and guitar.

She has appeared as soloist with over 160 orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, the National Symphony, Baltimore, Detroit, Houston, and Dallas Symphonies. She has also appeared internationally with the Zurich, Scottish and Lausanne Chamber Orchestras, the London Symphony, Orchestre National de France, Prague, Milan, Mexico City, Jerusalem, and Tokyo Symphonies.

Sharon Isbin began her studies at age nine in Italy, and later studied with Andrès Segovia, Oscar Ghiglia, and Rosalyn Tureck. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Yale, is the author of the *Classical Guitar Answer Book*, and directs guitar departments at the Aspen Music Festival and The Juilliard School.

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The Midland Symphony Orchestra (MSO) has provided mid-Michigan with continuous symphonic music since 1936. Along with concerts featuring renowned guest artists, the MSO also provides educational opportunities through its touring ensembles in the schools, Tunes for Tots, prelude lectures, scholarships, music appreciation programs and guest artist master classes and residencies.

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