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Midland Symphony Orchestra's

"Maestro Wannabe" fundraiser is back!

*Who will win: Strings? Woodwinds? Brass? Percussion?
The public decides!*

MIDLAND –Midland Symphony Orchestra's "**Maestro Wannabe**" fundraiser is back! In its fifth year, the "Maestro Wannabe" contest provides a fun, competitive environment for raising funds to support programming and educational growth for the Midland Symphony Orchestra, and is its largest fundraiser.

This year is a "musician matchup" as the four sections of the orchestra compete for the privilege of choosing a representative to conduct the Orchestra during its February 18, 2012, concert.

The public can vote for their favorite section of the orchestra – strings, woodwinds, brass or percussion – by pledging \$1 per vote. Voting starts at the MSO's November 5, 2011, concert and continues through Friday, February 10, 2012. Votes will be taken in the MCFTA auditorium lobby during MSO concerts, by calling the MCFTA Ticket Office at 800-523-7649, via mail, online at mcfta.org, and at participating restaurants.

This year's contest continues the "delicious" twist to this fun fundraiser. Dine-in or take-out at **Pi's Chinese Restaurant, Genji Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar, The Table Restaurant, Café Zinc** or **Bar Oxygen** anytime after 5 pm on Wednesdays during the months of November, December and January. Each restaurant will donate a portion of their Wednesday night proceeds to the MSO.

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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