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## **The Detroit Symphony Orchestra makes debut at Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival's closing night concert**

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. – The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will make its Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival debut at the Festival's closing night concert on Saturday, June 23 at 8:00 p.m. A 7:15 p.m. prelude titled "Memories of Stravinsky: A Conversation with Musicologist Glenn Watkins" will precede the concert. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival and Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings.

The 2012 Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival closes out two Russian-themed weeks with a concert of works by Gabrieli, Stravinsky, and Tchaikovsky. In addition to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, artists will include pianist Anton Nel, pianist James Tocco, conductor H. Robert Reynolds, and the winner of the 2011 International Tchaikovsky Competition, violinist Itamar Zorman.

The program begins with Gabrieli's *Canzon Septimi Toni No. 2*, performed by members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. DSO musicians will then be joined by Festival Singers for a presentation of Igor Stravinsky's rarely performed "Mass." The Stravinsky "Mass" was composed between 1944 and 1948 and exhibits the austere, Neoclassic, anti-Romantic aesthetic that characterized his works during the time.

Violinist Itamar Zorman, together with pianist James Tocco, will then present selected works by Tchaikovsky including: “None but the lonely heart, Op. 6 No. 6,” “Scherzo, Op. 42, No. 2, and others. Zorman holds degrees from the Jerusalem Academy of Music, The Juilliard School, and the Manhattan School of Music and currently studies at The Juilliard School in the Artist Diploma Program. Zorman was the winner of the 2011 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Russia and the 2010 International Violin Competition of Freiburg.

The concert then concludes with Stravinsky’s “Concerto for Piano and Wind Instruments” performed by pianist Anton Nel and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and conductor by H. Robert Reynolds. Nel is Professor of Piano and Chamber Music at the University of Texas at Austin. He was the winner of the 1987 Naumburg International Piano Competition and now enjoys a career that has taken him throughout the Americas, Europe, Asia and South Africa.

Tickets to the Festival’s closing night performance on Saturday, June 23 at 8:00 p.m. at Seligman Performing Arts Center are \$40 and \$10 for students (25 and under). Tickets are \$5 more at the door. Subscription packages are available. For more information, please call 248-559-2097 or visit [www.greatlakeschambermusic.org](http://www.greatlakeschambermusic.org).

## **ABOUT THE FESTIVAL**

A secular event, the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival is sponsored by Kirk in the Hills, St. Hugo of the Hills, Temple Beth El, and Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings. The 2012 Festival will take place June 9 – June 24 in venues across Metro Detroit. For more information, please visit [www.greatlakeschambermusic.org](http://www.greatlakeschambermusic.org).

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