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To: Music Educators

From: Jennifer Barnett, Director of Education and Community Partnerships

I am writing to notify you that the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra is again offering *free* in-school ensemble programs for grades 3-5 in Maryville and Blount County Schools. These programs are again made possible by the generous support of Pellissippi State Community College. Ensembles are available to visit your school on January 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, or 21, 2011.

Please find enclosed an Ensemble Request Form. These forms will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Please feel free to contact me with questions or for help as you plan ensemble visits to your school. Your comments, suggestions, and feedback on all aspects of our in-school education programs are very important to us!

Description of In-School Ensemble Program

In-school programs will engage students in a 40-minute string ensemble performance. Designed in collaboration with music and classroom teachers, these programs are created to enhance the existing music curriculum. Students will have an “up close” experience with the instruments and musicians of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, as they will have an opportunity to ask questions and interact with the musicians during the program.

Reservations are now being accepted for the KSO’s 2010 Young People’s Concerts: *Once Upon A Time* for students in grades 3 – 5, held at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium on October 26, 27, and 28.

Reservations are also being accepted for the 2011 Family Concert, *Let’s Build the Tower of Music* designed especially for your younger grades preK-2. The KSO encourages you to consider a field trip to experience the full orchestra along with hosting a small ensemble. *Let’s Build the Tower of Music* will take place on February 24, 2011, at the Tennessee Theatre at 9:30 AM. More information is available at www.knoxvillesymphony.com or by calling 521-2322.

Description of Ensembles and Availability

String quartets will consist of two violins, a viola, and a cello. Musicians are available Tuesday through Friday after 9:30am. Ensembles must be requested by December 10, 2010.

* Note: Two performances may be scheduled at your school within a two and one-half hour period.

The KSO is continuing to offer these programs in January and ensembles are available January 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, or 21, 2011.

To request an ensemble performance at your school, please fill out the attached form. You may fax or mail it to: Jeanine Wilkinson, Education and Community Partnerships Assistant

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