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Press Release

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New Season, New Baton & Spooky Kickoff

Please join the Motor City Symphony Orchestra, *Detroit Music Awards 2017 Outstanding Community Orchestra*, as they open their 46th season with **Classically Spooky** on **Sunday, October 28th at 3:00 p.m.** at the **Macomb Center for the Performing Arts** in Clinton Township.

The Motor City Symphony Orchestra will perform under the baton of **newly appointed music director/ conductor Gina Provenzano**. The *Classically Spooky* program will include eerie classical favorites and bewitching pop pieces: **Danse Macabre** (Saint-Saens), **Night on Bald Mountain** (Mussorgsky/Rimsky-Korsakov), **Funeral March of the Marionette** (Gounod), **Overture to the Bat** (Straus Jr.), **Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 op 46** (Grieg), **Symphony Fantastique** (Berlioz), **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Concert Suite** (Doyle & Williams/Brubaker), **Highlights from “Wicked”** (Schwartz/Ricketts), **Selections from the Phantom of the Opera** (Weber/Custer).

Tickets for the concert are **\$23 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for college students, and K-12 are free**. To purchase tickets, please contact the **Macomb Center for the Performing Arts box office at (586)286-2222**.

For more information regarding this event visit www.MotorCitySymphony.org or contact Jessica Trepton at MCSO@motorcitysymphony.org.

THE MOTOR CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Warren Symphony Society, Inc., *sponsor of the Motor City Symphony Orchestra*, has been an award-winning cultural force in our area for over four decades. The MCSO is the only fully professional symphony orchestra in Macomb County. Our mission is to support and advance an orchestra of professional quality for cultural enrichment, entertainment and youth education.

GINA PROVENZANO

Gina Provenzano is a graduate from the University of Michigan where she earned a Bachelors of Music in both clarinet performance and music education. While attending the University of Michigan she had the privilege to study with Robert Reynolds, Donald Schleicher and John Mohler. She performed with various ensembles, had the honor of marching at the Rose Bowl, and received the Michigan Alumni Music Scholarship.

Ms. Provenzano earned her Masters degree, in Instrumental Conducting, at the University of Maine. As a teacher assistant, she worked with the Symphonic Band and Marching Band and studied with Curvin Farnham.

Ms. Provenzano began her career as a music educator in various public and private schools in the Chicago area and then worked in Maine for 15 years where she has been a member of the Maine Music Educators Association board as the District V Chair and as the Orchestra VP. She has enjoyed being an adjudicator, guest conductor, teacher and clinician and hopes to pursue similar opportunities in Michigan.

Ms. Provenzano has performed with various ensembles throughout her career. She was principal clarinetist for the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and has also worked with for the BSO as the Education Outreach Coordinator and Librarian.

Ms. Provenzano was co-founder and conductor of the Bangor Symphony Youth Orchestras, which is one of her proudest accomplishments. During this time, she was able to study with the Bangor Symphony conductor, Lucas Richman.

Ms. Provenzano recently moved back to Michigan and lives in Midland where she has a private clarinet studio. In addition to being the Motor City Symphony Orchestra's Music Director/Conductor, she is the Artistic Director/Conductor for the Midland Community Orchestra, and the Conductor of the Classic Legacy Band of Saginaw.