

# KALAMAZOO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Raymond Harvey · Music Director

10

*years with Raymond Harvey*



2008-2009 SEASON

WELCOME TO THE KSO

This is our tenth season together, and I think I've gotten to know you pretty well.

You seem to crave an eclectic mix of Symphonic Series' experiences. So this season you can:

- ✂ dance on Opening Night
- ✂ marvel at pianists Horacio Gutierrez and Terrence Wilson
- ✂ get to know our new Concertmaster Diana Cohen
- ✂ welcome cellist Anthony Ross and marimbist Makoto Nakura on their return to Kalamazoo
- ✂ dig deeper into the music of Sergei Rachmaninoff
- ✂ celebrate our community with Beethoven's Ninth Symphony

If you enjoy an intimate coffee-house atmosphere for chamber music, then our *Epic Evenings* series is just the ticket. Featuring our Burdick-Thorne String Quartet and other KSO small ensembles, nearly every concert is sold out.

If you want to combine the love of music with the joy of learning, try *The World of...* series. This season we're expanding to three concerts, and identifying Sergei Rachmaninoff as our Season Spotlight Composer.

Add to this the breath-taking artistry of *Cirque de la Symphonie* in Miller; and two KSO Pops concerts at Chenery, celebrating *Broadway Hits* and *Valentine Hearts*—it's sure to be a great year!

When I first conducted the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, we hadn't yet celebrated the turn of the millennium. That Friday the 13th in November of 1999 was the start of a terrific association with a great orchestra and a wonderful community. Please join me for this tenth anniversary season. **Let's celebrate!**

Raymond Harvey  
Music Director

Prelude

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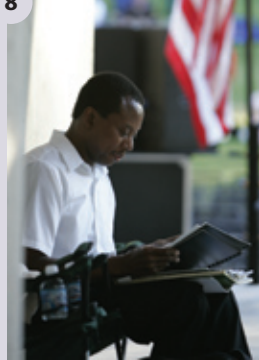
Many *Symphonic Series* audience members come at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy *Prelude*, the popular pre-concert talk. Maestro Raymond Harvey sits at the piano and talks through the music of the concert—providing engaging background, playing themes, and sharing witty tales. So come early and complete your concert experience with *Prelude*.



LOOK BACK AT TEN YEARS  
WITH RAYMOND HARVEY

- 1 Raymond was one of five candidates who visited town for a week, rehearsing, meeting with many, and performing. He auditioned with Rachmaninoff's E Minor Symphony.
- 2 Serving up the usual fare at a symphony concert is simply NOT Raymond's style. Always the innovator, he's continually cooking up something new for Kalamazoo.
- 3 Raymond resides in Kalamazoo and shares his gifts outside the KSO. He often adds his expertise to projects with WMU, other arts organizations, and area professionals.
- 4 *The World of...* series debuted in 2004 and quickly became an audience favorite. Raymond's bent for teaching and inimitable wit perfectly complement the music.
- 5 The *Epic Evenings* opened in 2005 with a variety of chamber music in the intimate, coffee-house setting of the Epic Theatre. It's an up-close, personal, and wonderful way to experience the music and our top players.
- 6 In March 2004 a huge audience enjoyed Raymond conducting and playing Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*.
- 7 The pre-concert *Prelude* talks place Raymond in his element as musician, teacher, and music lover. Prior to each *Symphonic Series* concert, hundreds enjoy his illuminating discussion and infectious passion.
- 8 Every July, Raymond takes the orchestra to six parks throughout Greater Kalamazoo for free concerts. These events are perfect for a relaxing evening with friends.
- 9 Under Raymond's leadership, the KSO continues to reach new artistic heights. With ten *Artists in Residence*, several WMU faculty, and many others, the KSO boasts a quality unrivaled by other regional orchestras.
- 10 Whether talking to him after a concert or running into him at the gym, Raymond's affable character and engaging manner make it a delightful conversation.

Thank you, Raymond,  
for ten great years!



## SYMPHONIC SERIES

Virtuosos from around the world, venerable masterpieces, and exciting new works make the Symphonic Series unique, not-to-be-missed concert events.

All Symphonic Series concerts are performed in Western Michigan University's Miller Auditorium. Come early for *Prelude*, the pre-concert talk by Maestro Harvey.

### Opening Night Dance

Friday, September 19, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

**Christopher Ruud and Christiana Bennett**, Ballet West Principal Dancers  
**Raymond Harvey**, Conductor

Tchaikovsky	Dance from <i>The Oprichnik</i>
Tchaikovsky	"White Swan" from <i>Swan Lake</i>
Rachmaninoff	Capriccio bohemien
Gershwin	"The Man I Love" from <i>Who Cares?</i> choreography by George Balanchine
Ravel	Daphnis & Chloe Suite No. 2

"Principal dancers Christiana Bennett and Christopher Ruud do indeed know each other well...and the chemistry shows." —*The Salt Lake Tribune*

### Horacio Gutierrez

Friday, October 17, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

**Horacio Gutierrez**, Piano  
**Raymond Harvey**, Conductor

Debussy	Sarabande
Debussy	Petite Suite
Elgar	In the South
Rachmaninoff	Piano Concerto No. 2

"Mr. Gutierrez is one of the best pianists around...he conceives of virtuoso technique as meaning something more than just playing very fast with accuracy, his tone is lovely and he is able to shape a phrase." —*New York Times*

### Anthony Ross Returns

Friday, November 21, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

**Anthony Ross**, Cello  
**Raymond Harvey**, Conductor

Schubert	Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished)
Rachmaninoff	Symphony in D Minor (Youth)
Dvořák	Cello Concerto

"His sensuous and languorous tones in the Dvořák tone poem fully captured the luscious Bohemian woods. ...Ross' delicacy and precision in handling the intricate passagework and his fierce passion in the deeply emotional sections were thrilling." —*Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune*



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## Concertmaster Showcase

Saturday, January 17, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

**Diana Cohen**, Violin  
**Raymond Harvey**, Conductor

Kenji Bunch	<i>World Premiere</i> Commissioned to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth by the Michigan Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Committee and the KSO
Ives	Symphony No. 3 (Camp Meeting)
Mendelssohn	Violin Concerto
Sibelius	Symphony No. 5

"Cohen made every phrase an expressive event." —*Cleveland Plain Dealer*

## Marimba Magic

Friday, February 27, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

**Makoto Nakura**, Marimba  
**Steven Smith**, Guest Conductor

Wagner	<i>Tannhäuser</i> : Overture and Venusberg Music
Pierre Jalbert	Marimba Concerto
Schumann	Symphony No. 3 (Rhenish)

"At times using several mallets in each hand, Nakura became a virtual wizard on the marimba as the sticks and his hands blurred during intense passages. His playing was amazing, and the music totally enjoyable." —*Kalamazoo Gazette* (2003)



## Beethoven's Ninth

Saturday, March 28, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

**Susan B. Anthony**, Soprano  
**Melissa Parks**, Alto  
**Russell Thomas**, Tenor  
**Anton Belov**, Bass  
**Western Michigan University Grand Chorus**, James Bass, Director  
**Raymond Harvey**, Conductor

Beethoven	Leonore Overture No. 3
Rachmaninoff	Cherubic Hymn and Lord's Prayer (Op. 31)
Rachmaninoff	Glory to the Mother of God (Op. 37)
Beethoven	Symphony No. 9

The apotheosis of Beethoven's symphonies, this work reflects the triumph of the human spirit.



## Terrence Wilson

Saturday, April 18, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

**Terrence Wilson**, Piano  
**Raymond Harvey**, Conductor

Michael Torke	Javelin
Rachmaninoff	Piano Concerto No. 3
Strauss	Don Juan
Rossini	William Tell Overture

"...a studious type of performer who thrives when he is allowed to push his playing to sonic extremes." —*Washington Post*



# Cirque de la Symphonie

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Saturday, November 8, 2008

8:00 p.m.

Miller Auditorium

Scott Terrell, Conductor

Miller Auditorium becomes the "Big Top" when **Cirque de la Symphonie** fills the stage with high-flying action and amusing circus antics. You will be amazed by their juggling mastery and acrobatic prowess. Aerial artists will soar through the air, displaying natural strength and artistic expression. And strongmen, national hand-balancing champions and veteran *Cirque du Soleil* performers who have captivated audiences around the world, will perform jaw-dropping routines.

The grace, artistry, and color is all set to music of Tchaikovsky, Ravel, John Williams, and more—performed by your KSO. Don't miss a minute of this spectacular event!

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## Broadway Hits

Saturday, October 25, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

Chenery Auditorium

Special guests **Jeremy Koch and Denene Mulay Koch**  
**Kalamazoo Singers, Tom Kasdorf, Director**  
**Kalamazoo Children's Chorus, Fred Sang, Director**  
**Raymond Harvey, Conductor**

KSO salutes Broadway with the talents of over 100 performers! Back from a two-year Broadway touring production of *West Side Story*, Jeremy and Denene will perform classic duets with the KSO while the Kalamazoo Singers and Kalamazoo Children's Chorus bring down the house with the rousing chorus numbers from *South Pacific*, *The Music Man*, *Big*, *Hairspray* and more!

## Valentine Hearts

Saturday, February 14, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

Chenery Auditorium

Kathy Wagner, Vocalist

John Varineau, Conductor

Bring your someone special to a romantic Valentine's night on the town! The KSO and guest vocalist Kathy Wagner (KSO Summer Park Concerts 2005) perform music of love—from Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* to *Unchained Melody* (from "Ghost") to *The Way We Were*. It's a night made for lovers and a concert made just for you!





## THE WORLD OF... *Third concert added!*

Extremely popular, “The World of...” series at Kalamazoo College probes the life and times of featured composers. Each concert presents a variety of musical works plus a multimedia commentary on the social, artistic, and cultural realities of the particular time and place in which the composer worked. Maestro Raymond Harvey is your guide for each exciting journey to the composer’s world.



### The World of...Debussy

**Sunday, October 19, 2008, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Raymond Harvey, Conductor**

French composer, Claude Debussy, is called a musical impressionist—his music seems to shimmer with color and light like the paintings of Monet and Renoir.

### The World of...Rachmaninoff

**Sunday, December 7, 2008, 3:00 p.m.**  
**David Peshlakai, Cello**  
**Raymond Harvey, Conductor and Piano**

Featured throughout the season, Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff wrote lush romantic music with glorious melodies and harmonic rich colors.

### The World of...Villa Lobos

**Sunday, April 5, 2009, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Raymond Harvey, Conductor**

Composer, Heitor Villa-Lobos, combined the color, rhythms, and flavor of Brazil with classical structures to create an evocative and beautiful sound.



## EPIC EVENINGS



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The Epic Center (corner of Burdick and Lovell Streets) in downtown Kalamazoo is your destination for an intimate evening with the KSO's Burdick-Thorne String Quartet and other KSO musicians. Bring a friend, grab a table, and settle in with your complimentary coffee for an evening of great music in the cozy Epic Theatre. Audience reception follows!

### Fall Evening

**Friday October 3, 2008, 8:00 p.m. | Saturday, October 4, 2008, 8:00 p.m.**

Danzi	Woodwind Quintet Op. 68, No. 1, A Major
Beethoven	String Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18, No. 4

### Winter Evening

**Friday, February 6, 2009, 8:00 p.m. | Saturday, February 7, 2009, 8:00 p.m.**

Webern	Langsamer Satz
Bozza	Sonatine for Brass Quintet
Schumann	Piano Quintet
	Raymond Harvey, Piano

### Spring Evening

**Friday, April 24, 2009, 8:00 p.m. | Saturday, April 25, 2009, 8:00 p.m.**

Mark Guthrie	Vision for Percussion
Hindemith	Kleine Kammermusik for Winds No. 2
Vaughan Williams	String Quartet No. 2 in A Minor

## FAMILY DISCOVERY SERIES

A delightfully entertaining introduction to symphonic music for children ages 4–12, the KSO's *Family Discovery Series* at Chenery Auditorium engages children (and adults!) with great music and interactive drama. The concert lasts about one hour, but come early for the pre-concert activities.



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### Two by Seuss

**Sunday, November 2, 2008, 3:00 p.m.**  
**with Maria Jette and Annie Kahane**  
**Music by Rob Kapilow**  
**Barry Ross, Conductor**

Join us for a merry musical romp through two Dr. Seuss favorites. If you like *Green Eggs and Ham*, you'll find they're even better served with a side of great melody! You'll also enjoy a lyrical version of *Gertrude McFuzz*, the story of a little bird who tries vainly to improve her thin, one-feather tail before finally discovering self acceptance.

### Orchestra from Planet X

**March 22, 2009, 3:00 p.m.**  
**with Magic Circle Mime Co.**  
**Barry Ross, Conductor**

Alien plot grips symphony hall! The future of Earth music hangs in the balance! What will be the fate of the orchestra? Sights too weird to imagine, music too fantastic to believe, and a concert experience that's out of this world. The Magic Circle Mime Co. brings musical concepts to life in an outstanding program of American composers and New World music.



### Barry's Buddies

Purchase your *Family Discovery Series* tickets and children become members of **Barry's Buddies**. Every **Barry Buddy** receives a birthday card from conductor Barry Ross, opportunities to meet with Barry prior to Family Discovery concerts, and more. A **Barry's Buddy** Kit will be mailed to you upon receipt of your order.



## Musical Storybooks

These programs at the Epic Center invite children ages 3–6 to explore stories, hands-on activities, and music performed by the KSO's Burdick-Thorne String Quartet.

### Perfect Purple Feather

**Saturday, October 11, 2008, 10:00 a.m.**

### Mole Music

**Saturday, March 14, 2009, 10:00 a.m.**



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## CHASE SUMMER PARK CONCERTS

**Kalamazoo Barbershop Chorus**  
**Raymond Harvey, Conductor**

Wednesday, July 9, 8:15 pm	Sherman Lake YMCA
Sunday, July 13, 8:00 pm	Kalamazoo
Monday, July 14, 8:00 pm	Parchment
Wednesday, July 16, 8:00 pm	Plainwell
Thursday, July 17, 8:00 pm	Three Rivers
Friday, July 18, 8:00 pm	Portage

### Co-Sponsors



The Greater Kalamazoo area has embarked on a bold path—*The Promise of a Greater Kalamazoo*. Building upon The Kalamazoo Promise scholarship program, this path is a long-term initiative seeking to provide outstanding education to all students, engage the community to ensure every student succeeds, continue to revitalize the urban core, and create a “region of choice” for economic development.

The KSO dedicates itself to walking this path with the Greater Kalamazoo community. To that end, **the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra is committed to:**

- ~ Educational Excellence
- ~ Student Success
- ~ Community Vitality
- ~ Economic Development

More information online:

**GreaterKalamazoo.com** or **ShareKalamazoo.com**

## Season Spotlight on Sergei Rachmaninoff

Rachmaninoff (1873–1943) was a Russian composer, pianist, and conductor, one of the last great champions of the Romantic style of European classical music. Rachmaninoff is regarded as one of the most influential pianists of the 20th century. He had legendary technical facilities and rhythmic drive, and he also had the ability to play complex compositions upon first hearing.

Not only have Rachmaninoff’s works become part of the standard repertoire, but their popularity among both musicians and audiences has, if anything, increased since the middle of the twentieth century, with some of his symphonies and other orchestral works, songs and choral music recognized as masterpieces alongside the more familiar piano works.

This season the KSO will perform Rachmaninoff on several concerts. Use the *Flex Ticket* option to select all the **Rach Pack** concerts.

### RACHMANINOFF PACKAGE (*The Rach Pack*)

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#### Terrence Wilson

Saturday, April 18 - Miller Auditorium



## Concertmaster Diana Cohen in Recital

**Sunday, September 21, 2008, 4:00 p.m.**  
**WMU Dalton Center**

Praised by critics for her “incredible flair, maturity and insight,” new KSO

Concertmaster Diana Cohen has appeared as soloist and served as concertmaster of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, The National Repertory Orchestra, and Red (an orchestra), among others. Don’t miss this opportunity to meet Diana and be amazed at her virtuosity.

## Mark Your Calendar for These KSO Events

### KSOL Gull Lake Home Tours

May 16-18, 2008 and Tour Preview Party on May 15, 2008

### Raymond Harvey 10th Anniversary & CD Release Party

Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 5:30 p.m. - Cityscape Event Center

### Community Partner Tour

Bringing the KSO to communities throughout Southwest Michigan:  
April 28 - May 14, 2009

### Side by Side with Stulberg

Sunday, May 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - Miller Auditorium  
Featuring the KSO and 2008 Stulberg Gold Medalist Matthew Allen, *Cello*  
The Kalamazoo Junior Symphony, Andrew Koehler, *Conductor*

### The Music of Brazil's Francisco Mignone

Friday, May 29, 2009, 7:30 p.m. - WMU Dalton Recital Hall  
Alexandra Mascolo-David, *Piano*; Raymond Harvey, *Conductor*



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## SINGLE CONCERT TICKETS\*

*Tickets for individual concerts go on sale Monday, August 18, 2008.*

SERIES/EVENT	VENUE	PRICES
Symphonic Series	Miller Auditorium	\$49, \$39, \$29, \$19 (students half-price) <i>Harvey's Hideaway</i> \$5 in advance, \$7 on concert day
Cirque de la Symphonie	Miller Auditorium	\$54, \$44, \$34, \$24
KSO Pops	Chenery Auditorium	\$40, \$30, \$20, \$10
The World of...	Light Fine Arts Center	\$25 general admission (students \$8)
Epic Evenings	Epic Theatre	\$20 general admission (students \$8)
Family Discovery	Chenery Auditorium	\$12, \$10
Musical Storybooks	Epic Center	\$4 general admission (call 349-7759)

\* Unless otherwise noted, tickets may be purchased at the Miller Auditorium Ticket Office, phone (269) 387-2300 or (800) 228-9858.  
You may order online at **KalamazooSymphony.com**.

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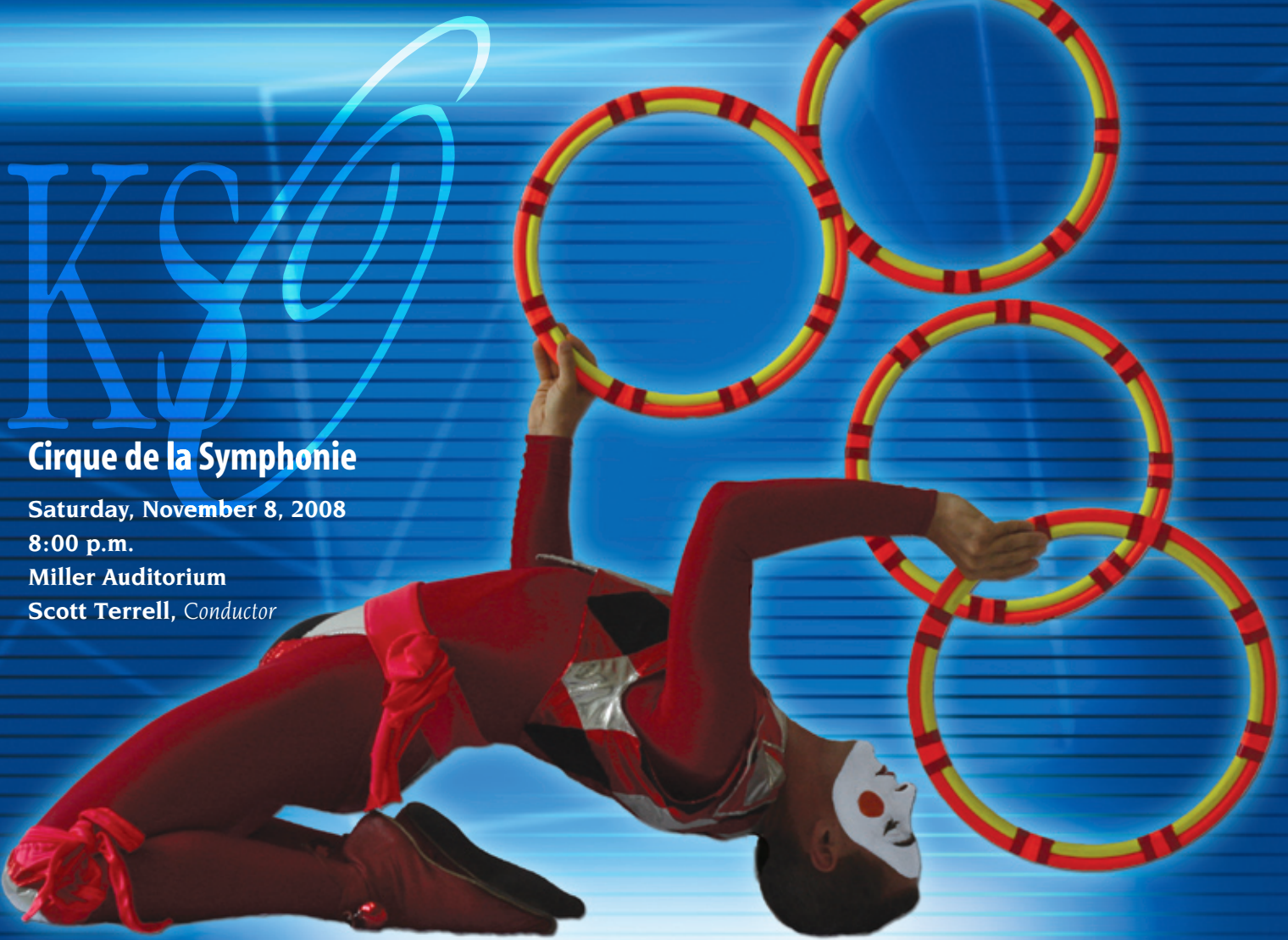
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