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YPSILANTI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONTRIBUTES TO ML KING BAND TRIP TO BEIJING

April 10, 2008. The Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra and Board recently contributed $500 to the Martin Luther King High School Band, to help them play at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

"This was a significant contribution for us, but one we felt was important to make," says YSO President Karen M. Attaway. "Some of us remember our own high school band and orchestra trips, and those experiences have impacted us our entire lives. We wanted to help provide these kids with a similar opportunity."

"Part of our orchestra's mission is to contribute to music education in the schools, and to support diversity in the arts," continues Ms. Attaway. "As we grow as an organization, we hope to expand this type of community outreach."

The Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra is a not-for-profit, community orchestra founded in 1999 by Music Director Adam C. Riccinto and interested local musicians. They have an upcoming concert on April 20, 2 p.m., at Towsley Auditorium on the campus of Washtenaw Community College. This concert features youth concerto competition winner Kevin Lee, and is sponsored by Luck's Music Library. The YSO will also perform a free outdoor concert on May 24 at 2 p.m., at Ypsilanti's Riverside Park Pavilion, sponsored by Target and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. For more information, visit www.ypsilantisymphony.org.