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Dear Editors/News Directors:

Included below is a press release highlighting the Ferris State University Symphony Band and the group's upcoming Fall "All-American" Concert. Please call/e-mail with questions.

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Ferris State University's Symphony Band to perform Fall "All-American" Concert

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University's Symphony Band will perform its Fall "All-American" Concert Nov. 16 from 8 to 9 p.m. in G. Mennen Williams Auditorium.

This event is free and open to the public, and tickets are available by calling the G. Mennen Williams Auditorium Ticket Office at 591-5600. Tickets also will be available at the door the night of the concert.

The Symphony Band will play music from traditional and contemporary artists and a medley of swing tunes featuring John Philip Sousa's classic march "The Stars and Stripes Forever," along with "Jump, Jive an' Wail," "Zoot Suit Riot" and "It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got That Swing."

Currently in its debut season, the Symphony Band is sponsored by the University as part of its "Music for Life" initiative designed to enrich the lives of students by assisting them in making the transition from a high school musical setting to the world of amateur musical ensembles. By participating in musical ensembles, Ferris students not only enhance their musical skills, but they also gain inspiration by playing with other students, as well as members of the community.

Under the direction of associate music professor Scott Cohen, the band is comprised of Ferris students, adult community members and selected high school students from West Central Michigan.

Cohen, who also serves as director of instrumental ensembles at the university, has been employed at Ferris since 2002. In addition to directing the Symphony Band, he also directs the West Central Chamber Orchestra, Community Summer Band, West Central Concert Band and Athletic Pep Band.

For more information about the concert or to join the band, contact Cohen at 591-2484 or rscohen@ferris.edu.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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