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WASB PRESENTS SPRING CONCERT FEATURING YOUNG CLARINETIST

WAUKESHA, WI.....The Waukesha Area Symphonic Band (WASB), under the direction of Music Director Rick Kirby, will present its spring concert entitled *Luminescence* on Friday, April 30, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Shattuck Auditorium on the Carroll University campus. This concert will feature clarinetist Sabrina Pruszka, the winner of the 2010 WASB Concerto Competition, who will perform the final movement of Carl Maria von Weber's Concerto No. 1.

"Luminescence" is a composition by David Biederbender, and the theme of this concert featuring the WASB Concerto Competition winner. Light also comes from The Force as the band performs a suite from John Williams music from "Star Wars". This "Waukesha Works for People" concert will benefit Waukesha's (ACAP) Adaptive Community Approach Program.

The 2010 Concerto Competition winner, Sabrina Pruszka, is a senior at Franklin High School. She has studied clarinet for eight years and currently studies at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music with Linda Jones. She is in her third year as a member of the UW-Milwaukee Youth Wind Ensemble and her second year as a member of the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra. She is a member of the National Honor Society and plans to attend UW-Milwaukee next year with a major in clarinet performance. Sabrina's other interests include dance and art as well as extensive volunteering with her church.

The April 30th concert is presented through WASB's **Waukesha Works for People** (WWFP), a program providing social benefits to the community through charitable concerts. This year's beneficiary will again be Waukesha's Adaptive Community Approach Program (ACAP). ACAP serves adults with physical disabilities within Waukesha County. Some of their current programs include Graffiti Effacing, transplanting of plants, seed sorting and chipping trails for Retzer Nature Center, shopping for the elderly, and providing snow removal, leaf raking and lawn trimming for Interfaith, and cooking meals at Sienna and Hebron House.

WASB is very proud of the past winners of their competition. Nick Cherone, winner of the first WASB Concerto Competition in 2005, is currently a senior at Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, IL, where he is pursuing a degree in Music Literature and History. Nick intends to go on to graduate school in musicology. His current career aspiration is to teach Music History at the college/university level. He performs in the College Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensemble and is regularly on the Dean's List. He has studied in London and last summer worked in Colorado at the Aspen Music Festival and School as Assistant Program Book Editor – part of the team responsible for producing program books for the 9 concerts featured at the Festival this summer.

Music Director Rick Kirby is a music educator and composer. Among his teaching assignments, Mr. Kirby spent twenty years in the New Berlin and Waukesha School districts. He retired from Waukesha West High School in 2001 to pursue a full time career as a composer and arranger. Along with his composing, Mr. Kirby is the Director of the Carroll University Jazz Ensemble and Associate Director of the Youth Wind Orchestra of Wisconsin.

The Waukesha Area Symphonic Band is a group of volunteer musicians dedicated to enriching the community's cultural life through performance of outstanding wind and percussion music at the highest artistic level. Membership in the Symphonic Band is open to adult wind and percussion players by audition or conductor invitation. WASB hosts a Concerto Competition each year that is open to wind and percussion students in 9th through 12th grades in Waukesha, Milwaukee, Washington, Ozaukee, Dodge and Jefferson counties. Each spring, WASB presents a concert through its **Waukesha Works for People (WWfP)**, a program providing social benefits to the community through charitable concerts. The Waukesha Area Symphonic Band has recorded two compact discs, *The Coming Glory of the Light: Wind Music of Waukesha Composers*, and *Celebration*, recorded for the 20th Anniversary of the Women's Center, Inc, the 1997 inaugural WWfP beneficiary.

Tickets for the April 30th concert are \$10 and are available by calling 262/370-6129 or in the Shattuck Auditorium lobby on the evening of the concert.

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