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**The LeMoyne-Owen College and Comcast present: "From the Heart to the Soul," a
Community Concert featuring the Memphis Symphony Orchestra**

MEMPHIS, TN (August 29, 2008) –The community is invited to enjoy an evening of entertainment on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., when LeMoyne-Owen College and its sponsor, Comcast, present: From the Heart to the Soul, a free concert featuring the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. “Our mission is to create meaningful experiences through music,” said Ryan Fleur, president and chief executive officer of Memphis Symphony Orchestra. “This concert on the college campus represents one way we are engaging all segments of the community in the fulfillment of our mission. We look forward to bringing the enjoyment of orchestral music to LeMoyne-Owen College and its constituents,” Fleur said.

The concert, which will be held in front of Brownlee Hall on the campus lawn at 807 Walker Avenue, celebrates the College's past and future, as well as the historical Soulsville neighborhood where LeMoyne-Owen College is the anchor institution. From the Heart to the Soul is being presented to enhance and develop a mutual, academic and cultural partnership between the constituents of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra and LeMoyne-Owen College.

“There are many residents of the Soulsville community who might never have the opportunity to attend a ‘live’ performance of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra,” said Johnnie B. Watson, President (Interim) of LeMoyne-Owen College. “The College is pleased to be in partnership with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra and other guests to present this concert.”

Tickets are free to the public and available through the LeMoyne-Owen College Office of Institutional Advancement at (901) 435-1527 and the Memphis Symphony Orchestra Box Office at (901) 537-2525. The public is invited to bring a blanket and picnic basket to sit on the lawn and enjoy the performances.

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Following is the list of planned activities:

Performances by:

- LeMoyne-Owen College Gospel Choir, Ms. Jean Saulsberry, Advisor
- LeMoyne-Owen College Concert Choir, Mr. Clyde Battles, Director

- Hutchison Upper School Choir - Vocal Point, Ms. Cindy Harrison, Director. For six years, this choir has performed all genres of music, but has focused on acapella.

- Memphis Symphony Orchestra, MSO, is an integral part of the cultural, educational and economic life of Memphis and the Mid-South region. Founded in 1952, the area’s largest performing arts organization performs Masterworks, Pops, Chamber and family-friendly works for thousands of people each year.

Tours

- LeMoyne-Owen College Campus. Tour the historical campus founded in 1862 to provide higher education to students in the Mid-South area;

- STAX Museum of American Soul Music. Tour the museum to learn about the roots of American soul music and its cultural heritage, and view exhibits, photos, records, video footage and more;

- Memphis Black Arts Alliance. Tour the gateway to Soulsville; situated inside a firehouse that houses the first professionally staffed, year-round, non-profit cultural center in Tennessee;

- Historical Elmwood Cemetery. Tour one of the most beautiful historic cemeteries in the Mid-South. Established in 1852, it is a rural garden cemetery complete with 80 acres of rolling grounds;

LeMoyne-Owen College is a historically black liberal arts college dedicated to providing students with marketable skills that will improve the quality of life, increase community stability and develop strong leaders.

For more information please see the contacts listed above.

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