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LeMoyne-Owen College and the Memphis Symphony Orchestra Team Up Once Again to Fill the Air with Music

MEMPHIS, TN (Sept. 6, 2012) – This year is like no other for LeMoyne-Owen College and this summer's *From the Heart to the Soul* community concert featuring the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, **Sept. 9, 2012, at 4 p.m.**, will be special, too, as it sets the stage for the launch of the college's sesquicentennial celebration.

"Few organizations reach the 150-year mark," LeMoyne-Owen College president Johnnie B. Watson said. "We are celebrating this incredible achievement and want the community to join us at this event and others over the next several months."

For the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, the free community concert is a way to meet its mission to spread the music. "We greatly value the ongoing partnership that we have with LeMoyne-Owen College," said, President and CEO of Memphis Symphony Orchestra. "One of our core purposes is to take our resident artists and the music they produce to a variety of settings. Holding a great concert on campus is how we launch that part of our mission each year."

The concert was established five years ago to bring family-focused entertainment and cultural enrichment to the South Memphis community. It is also designed to attract guests from a wide spectrum to enjoy a safe and family-focused evening of culture on the LeMoyne-Owen College campus. People of all ages and social spheres typically attend, bringing lawn chairs, blankets, hammocks and tents to enjoy the evening in their own special way.

The concert kicks off with a *Community Arts Showcase* at 4:00 p.m., along with performances by LeMoyne-Owen College Concert Choir and the LeMoyne-Owen College "Anointed Voices" Gospel Choir. The symphony takes the stage at 6:00 p.m.

LeMoyne-Owen College's mission is to provide a transformative experience educating students for urban-focused leadership, scholarship, service, and professional careers.

Memphis Symphony Orchestra has created meaningful experiences through music in the Mid-South since 1951. Today, more than 400 musicians, staff, and volunteers in the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Memphis Symphony Chorus and the Memphis Symphony League operate educational programs; organize community engagement events, and present concerts.

For more information or for **free tickets**, call (901) 435-1527 in the Office of Institutional Advancement at LeMoyne-Owen College, 807 Walker Avenue in Memphis. Or, call Memphis Symphony Orchestra Box Office at (901) 537-2525.

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