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2012 Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Receives Support for Collaboration Pieces

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. - The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival is pleased to announce a \$20,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation that will allow for local artistic collaborations at the 2012 festival. The grant from Knight Foundation will allow festival musicians to be joined by musicians from the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings (DCWS), dancers from the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble (EDE) and other local artists to collectively present major works from the composer Igor Stravinsky.

With the support of Knight Foundation, these organizations will have the opportunity to present larger works of exceptional artistic quality that, on their own, they would be unable to perform.

The 2012 festival, entitled *White Nights*, gives special prominence to the music of Russia and other northern countries. The collaborative pieces will be presented on each of the three Saturday nights throughout the festival. They will include: *Les Noces*, performed by four festival pianists, the Michigan State University Chorale and four percussionists from DCWS on Saturday, June 9, 2012; *The Rite of Spring*, perhaps Stravinsky's most famous ballet, will be performed by the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

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and two festival pianists on Saturday, June 16, 2012; the final collaborative piece, the Stravinsky *Mass*, will be performed by the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings and a choir led by University of Michigan Choral Professor Jerry Blackstone on Saturday, June 23, 2011.

About the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival

The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival is held for two weeks each June, presenting nearly 20 concerts in Southeastern Michigan. The festival highlights both established and new chamber music artists. For more information, visit www.greatlakeschambermusic.org.

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