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MSU Music presents a full slate of performances by large ensembles College orchestras and bands fill Wharton Center stage with walls of sound

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – Fans of large musical ensembles have a lot to look forward to in early fall as the MSU College of Music rolls out the **2022-2023 Encore! Season** with a slate of performances by the MSU Wind Symphony, Symphony Band, Symphony Orchestra, Concert and Campus Bands, and Concert Orchestra—all performing in Cobb Great Hall of Wharton Center for Performing Arts.

Among the anticipated large ensemble events is the performance of powerful, resonating works by the MSU Wind Symphony on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m., conducted by Kevin L. Sedatole. Student musicians along with featured oboist Nermis Mieses will thrill the audience with performances of Legacy (concerto for oboe and wind band) by Óscar Navarro and Sokol Fanfare by Leoš Janáček. Additional works include Dionysiaques, Op. 62 by Florent Schmitt, and Yellow, Red, Blue by Paul Dooley. Mieses was recently appointed Associate Professor of Oboe for the MSU College of Music. This event will also be available for live digital broadcast at music.msu.edu/livestreams.

A back-to-back event on **Friday, Sept. 30 at 8 p.m.** features the <u>MSU Symphony Orchestra</u> conducted by <u>Octavio Más-Arocas</u>. The program **Mahler the Titan!** features dramatic works including *Aere Perennius* by Dinah Bianchi, *something deeply hidden* by MSU Associate Professor of Composition <u>David Biedenbender</u>; *Symphony No. 1 in D Major*, and Titan by Gustav Mahler. The program is generously sponsored by Linn Van Dyne and Mike Knox, in loving memory of Hal W. Hepler, Ph.D.

Additional performances of MSU large ensembles at Wharton Center for Sept. through mid-Oct. include:

9/27 Tue. 7:30 p.m. Symphony Band

David Thornton, conductor

10/20 Thu. 7:30 p.m. Concert Orchestra

Katherine Kilburn, conductor

10/12 Wed. 7:30 p.m. Concert Band/Campus Band

Arris Golden and Cody Edgerton, conductors Michael Parker, guest conductor

General admission seating for this and other large ensemble performances are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (age 60 and older), and free for students and those under 18 with valid ID, and can be purchased online (music.msu.edu), by calling (517) 353-5340, or at the door. More information on these and other events in the 2022-23 Encore! Season can be found at music.msu.edu/events.