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Gold Medal-Winning Artist Performs In West Michigan

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KALAMAZOO, MI – 19 year old cellist Daniel Hass, gold medal winner at the 2016 Stulberg International String Competition, is returning to west Michigan for a performance with the Grand Rapids Symphony. The concert will feature not only his cello concerto, but also concerti featuring horn players from the orchestra.

Hass will perform twice on **Friday, October 21**, at **10 a.m.** and **8 p.m.** Both concerts are at **Royce Auditorium in St. Cecilia Music Center in Grand Rapids.** Tickets are **\$16** for the **10 a.m. show**, and **\$26** and **\$34** for the **8 p.m. performance.** More information is available at www.grsymphony.org.

Three works by Mozart are programmed in these “Mostly Mozart” concerts, along with two other composers. Hass will perform Boccherini’s Concerto for Cello in B-flat Major, G.481. Other musicians highlighted in the show are Richard Britsch and Erich Peterson of the Grand Rapids Symphony, who will be the “two horns” in a performance of Haydn’s Concerto for Two Horns.

The morning performance is the first of the Grand Rapids Symphony’s Porter Hills Coffee Classics series, and begins early with a free breakfast of coffee and donuts starting at 9 a.m.

Hass, originally from Tel Aviv, Israel, earned not only the top prize at the 2016 Stulberg Competition, but also the 2016 Michael Measures Prize from the Canadian Council for the Arts and the National Youth Orchestra of Canada. Hass has attended conservatories in Israel, Toronto and Boston, and is now studying with Joel Krosnick at the Juilliard School. In 2012, Hass made his debut with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, playing the Lalo cello concerto. His cello is a 1914 Eugenio Degani, on loan to him by a private donor.

More than 2,500 young string musicians between the ages of 11 and 20 have participated in the Stulberg International String Competition, which marked its 41st anniversary in 2016. The Stulberg has attracted world-renowned musicians to Kalamazoo to serve as judges and instructors in master classes exclusively for the competitors. The Competition was established in 1975 in honor of former WMU faculty and long-time conductor of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony, Julius Stulberg.

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