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DONORS AND PARENTS GATHER TO SUPPORT INTER SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS OF NEW YORK

Anthony McGill and James Gaffigan to be Honored

The **InterSchool Orchestras of New York** will hold its annual Gala Celebration on Monday, April 15, 2013, at The Lighthouse at Chelsea Piers. The evening of dinner, dancing, and an auction will be attended by 200 supporters, whose support will help provide financial aid and scholarships.

The evening will honor renown Principal Clarinetist **Anthony McGill** of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra for his dedication to education and artistic excellence. Anthony has been singled out by critics for his work at the Met and constantly receives high praise for his solo appearances. He also created a smart-phone app for clarinetists and gives freely of his time to meet with young musicians and other school children.

James Gaffigan will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award. He has gone far since he played bassoon in the ISO Symphony in 1997. He is now the Chief Conductor of the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra and Principal Guest Conductor of the Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra. He also guest conducts around the world from Glyndebourne to Vienna to Toronto and New York, making him one of the most in-demand conductors of his generation.

Performers at the Gala will include the **ISO Symphony** conducted by Artistic Director Jeffrey Grogan and students from **Dancing Classrooms**, a nonprofit dedicated to working with 5th and 8th graders to build social awareness and self-esteem through ballroom dancing. **Midge Woolsey**, recently of WQXR, will host the evening, and **Jennifer Vorbach** will serve as auctioneer.

About InterSchool Orchestras of New York

Founded in 1972, The InterSchool Orchestras of New York creates opportunities for school-aged children to make music together through a family of eight orchestras and a symphonic band. ISO provides a nurturing environment where all children can realize their personal best, achieve a high artistic standard, and share their music with the community.

Through generous financial aid and scholarships, ISO insures that every child can participate. More than half of its 330 young musicians receive some degree of financial assistance. ISO also makes it possible for students without prior access to an instrument

or music lessons to get started on an instrument through free instrument introduction fairs, loans of instruments, and music lessons.

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