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**EYSO Brass Choir Performs with Acclaimed Fulcrum Point
Concert Follows Free Brass Master Class**

Elgin, IL April, 2009 – On Saturday, April 25th, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra Brass Choir will perform with the Fulcrum Point New Music Project.

The concert will take place at the First Congregational Church, 256 E. Chicago Street, Elgin, IL. In addition to the concert, a free Master Class (also at the First Congregational Church) will be offered at 12:00 p.m..

Experiencing the music of Fulcrum Point is a truly wonderful. The dynamic group was born in 1998 when Stephen Burns, artistic director and trumpeter, was asked to create innovative new music programs by Performing Arts Chicago. Today, Fulcrum Point is a critically acclaimed ensemble that performs contemporary classical music in a variety of venues throughout Chicagoland.

“The mission of Fulcrum Point New Music Project is to champion new classical music and highlight contemporary composers who are inspired and influenced by popular culture, including literature, film, dance, folk, rock, jazz, blues, Latin and world music.

Through multi-disciplinary concert performances and educational programs Fulcrum Point seeks to explore the marriage of classical music and popular culture. The concerts are designed to encourage audiences to make cross-cultural connections and gain greater insight into today’s diverse world,” www.fulcrumpoint.org.

Performing with professional groups is just one of the many benefits of being a member of the EYSO. The concert and Master Class are a great introduction to the EYSO organization for parents or teachers who have students interested in music performance. EYSO students have the opportunity to travel as well as study and perform with professional musicians.

The EYSO is an in-residence ensemble at Elgin Community College (ECC). Young musicians with a desire to grow, play better and to think and feel more deeply about music are invited to audition for the 2009-10 season. The annual, open auditions are private and held at ECC. Since 1976, the EYSO has been challenging and inspiring an ever-widening circle of young musicians with rich, deep musical experiences. Today, the EYSO is the largest and oldest youth orchestra in northwest Illinois.

Auditions will be held from May 28th-31st, 2009. Students who will begin 4th grade in the fall to college students may audition for a seat in one of the five ensembles. Applications and audition requirements may be found at www.eysso.org, or by calling the EYSO office at (847) 841-7700

Tickets for the 2:30 p.m. Brass Concert with Fulcrum Point can be purchased at the ECC box office located in the Arts Center, by phone (847) 622-0300, or online at www.elgin.edu/arts: \$21, \$16 for seniors, and \$12 for students. Tickets should be purchased in advance since concerts often sell out. Box office hours are noon to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and noon to 5:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and cash are accepted for payment.

EYSO is more than great concerts. It's a life-changing opportunity.

About Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra

The Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra (EYSO), an In-Residence Ensemble in the Arts Center at Elgin Community College, is home to four orchestras and a brass choir with nearly 300 students from over 60 communities. Founded in 1976, the mission of the EYSO is to create a community of young musicians, enriching their lives and the lives of their families, schools, communities and beyond, through the study and performance of excellent music. This program is partially supported by grants from the Palmer Foundation, the Elgin Cultural Arts Commission, the Illinois Arts Council, and the Palmer Foundation.