

“He saddles his own mount quietly, smoothing the wool pads, then easing the heavy saddle across the horse’s back, lifting the front of the gullet and setting back down, snug on the withers as the horse shakes with anticipation and cold. Warming the snaffle bit in his rough hands, he puts on the bridle. Then the cowboy leads his mount out from the others, pulls its long head slightly to the left and steps on.”

- Felicita Funke-Riehle, *Gathering Remnants: A Tribute to the Working Cowboy.*



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## Ranching on the Tallgrass Prairie

is the theme of the Fifth Anniversary Symphony in the Flint Hills and will highlight the ranching way of life integral to the continuation of the tallgrass prairie. You are invited to celebrate the last significant expanse of an 8,000 year old grassland once extending from Canada to Texas... the Flint Hills of Kansas.

Rancher Ed Bass will host the 2010 event on the South Clements Pasture southwest of Cottonwood Falls. Bass will join local ranchers in telling the story of how cattle grazing on the unique tallgrass prairies has evolved over a 150 year period to emulate the natural migrations of the bison herds that once populated America’s heartland.

The Flint Hills are blessed with some of the most magnificent, natural landscapes of our continent, but most of the time it’s only a small band of cowboys that get to experience their full beauty. Join us in this remarkable setting for a concert featuring the renowned Kansas City Symphony and an afternoon of presentations and prairie activities.

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Wildflower/prairie walks with Native Plant Society guides
- Birding with Audubon Society members
- Discussion of ranch life in the 1880’s by regional historians and folklorists
- Old-time Flint Hills cowboys telling tales
- Explanations of geology, water, and the natural character of the Flint Hills
- Rides in horse-drawn covered wagons
- Musical instrument “Petting Zoo”
- Silent Art Auction featuring the Flint Hills landscape

After the concert, stay to gaze at the stars through telescopes, dance to traditional western music, or sit in the moonlight around a story circle...

Browse the website, [symphonyintheflinthills.org](http://symphonyintheflinthills.org) for details, new features, and important logistical information.

## A Note from the Chair...

We are excited to announce our plans for the Fifth Anniversary Symphony in the Flint Hills.

“Ranching on the Tallgrass Prairie” is the theme for this year’s event. The Flint Hills ranching heritage is a significant culture that’s deserving of recognition and celebration. Many generations of ranching families have utilized this grazing resource, while serving as stewards of this beloved landscape. Several educational sessions are planned to highlight this theme, and I’m confident you’ll enjoy what’s in store for you.



The Symphony in the Flint Hills Staff, Board of Directors, and Volunteers have been busy preparing for this year’s “festival”. It’s gratifying to witness the excitement and cooperation among all those who make this happen.

We are pleased to have Governor Mark Parkinson return as Honorary Chair this year. We appreciate his support and genuine interest.

Thank you to all the Patrons and Sponsors that invest in Symphony in the Flint Hills. We could not do this without your support.

You can help us heighten the appreciation and knowledge of the tallgrass prairie by inviting your friends who have not attended previously. Please make plans to join us on June 12, 2010.

*Mike Beam*

Mike Beam, Board Chair  
Symphony in the Flint Hills, Inc.

### CONCERT INFORMATION

**DATE:** Saturday, June 12, 2010

**TIME:** Ticket Gate opens at 1:00 PM  
Activities begin early afternoon.  
Concert starts at 6:45 PM

**PLACE:** South Clements Pasture;  
Seven miles south of Cottonwood Falls on  
National Scenic Byway Kansas Highway  
177, turn west at the historic Bazaar School  
House. Continue west on county road, eight  
miles to concert site.

**MUSIC:** Kansas City Symphony

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## TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

- Concert Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010
- Rain date: Sunday, June 13, 2010
- No refunds, no exchanges. In case of event cancellation the ticket may be used as a tax-deductible contribution.

## TICKET PRICES

- Adult: \$60 plus \$3 handling fee
- Child: (12 and under) \$40 plus \$3 handling fee

## WHERE TO GET TICKETS

### PHONE AND ONLINE ORDERS

- 816.471.0400
- [kcsymphony.org](http://kcsymphony.org)
- [info@kcsymphony.org](mailto:info@kcsymphony.org)

### WALK-IN LOCATIONS

- Kansas City Symphony Box Office  
1020 Central, Suite 300  
Kansas City Missouri 64105  
Box Office hours 10am-5pm  
Monday through Friday
- Wichita (ONE DAY ONLY) Monday, March 8, 2010  
Dillards at Towne East Shopping Mall 10am-5pm

For more information please visit:  
[symphonyintheflinthills.org](http://symphonyintheflinthills.org)  
[info@symphonyintheflinthills.org](mailto:info@symphonyintheflinthills.org)

## BECOME A VIBRANT FORCE

Ticket sales for our Fifth Anniversary Concert on June 12, 2010, will cover only a portion of the event's overall costs. As a financial supporter of Symphony in the Flint Hills, Inc., you are contributing to the sustainability of an annual concert series. Your gift will help ensure this unique combination of prairie, music, and environmental education continues to enrich the lives of those ready for a "true arts adventure". Please consider becoming a:

### SPONSOR

Sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000 may be customized to reflect specific interests. To discuss specific interests, possibilities and corresponding benefits, contact Development Chair Bruce Breckenridge, 816.835.1134.

### PATRON

Patron Package (\$1,000 contribution) includes: VIP reception/dinner, two reserved seat tickets, retail gift certificate, a special parking pass and recognition in the Symphony in the Flint Hills 2010 Field Journal.

### GRASSROOTS DONOR

To become a Grassroots Donor please fill out the enclosed card.

**We are proud to recognize all contributors in our commemorative Field Journal for donations received by the printing deadline of April 15, 2010.**

For more information about these programs and how to donate by credit card, call Symphony in the Flint Hills, 620.273.8955.

Symphony in the Flint Hills, Inc. is a designated 501(c)3 non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Service regulation. A portion of all contributions are tax-deductible.

**Thank you for your generous support of the mission and programs of Symphony in the Flint Hills.**

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### MISSION

To heighten appreciation and knowledge of the tallgrass prairie by providing opportunities to experience symphonic music and place-based education in the Kansas Flint Hills.

Prairie activities are being planned for concert day. Please visit our website for periodic updates:  
[symphonyintheflinthills.org](http://symphonyintheflinthills.org)

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

Work with dedicated and versatile music and prairie enthusiasts! The success of the event depends upon people working together in a committed way to help "create the world we all want to live in." On behalf of the Symphony in the Flint Hills Board and Staff, thanks to all who devote time, energy, and expertise to help celebrate the beauty of the Flint Hills.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please contact Karen Rains, Volunteer Coordinator, 620.273.8955 or [karensymphony@gmail.com](mailto:karensymphony@gmail.com), for volunteer applications.

We cannot guarantee every applicant will be placed, but we will make every effort to get back to you as early as possible. The earlier you apply the better your chances.

Volunteers must work a minimum 4-6 hour shift (depending on their team) to qualify for a complimentary ticket to the concert.

Experienced Symphony in the Flint Hills volunteers know the importance of their dedication to the success of the event. We are looking for people who are sincerely committed to the work of hosting and producing the event... and to its mission to heighten appreciation and awareness of the Flint Hills.



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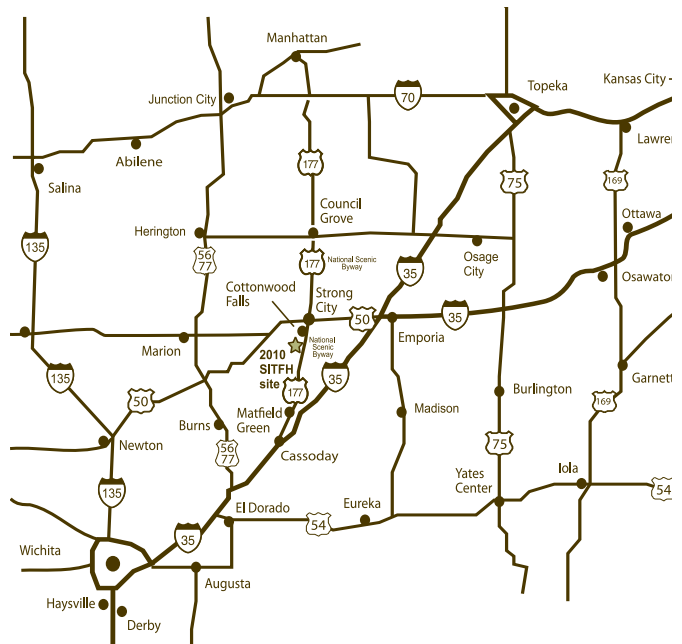
FIFTH ANNIVERSARY  
2010 CONCERT LOCATION

**SOUTH CLEMENTS PASTURE**

Seven miles south of Cottonwood Falls on National Scenic Byway Kansas Highway 177, turn west at the historic Bazaar School House. Continue west on county road eight miles to concert site. The site for the Fifth Anniversary Concert is on privately owned ranchland in Chase County.

**DISTANCE TO CONCERT SITE FROM:**

- Topeka: 87 miles (southwest)
- Manhattan: 68 miles (south)
- Emporia: 30 miles (southwest)
- Wichita: 69 miles (northeast)
- Kansas City: 135 miles (southwest)
- Lawrence: 104 miles (southwest)



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