



# S Y M P H O N Y I N T H E F L I N T H I L L S

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## Discovering This Place

Discovery does not always require a new place, but rather seeing with new eyes - eyes opened by beauty and deeper understanding.



Photo by Kevin Sink

The Fourth Annual Symphony in the Flint Hills invites you to discover once again an 8,000 year landscape, the last significant expanse of tallgrass prairie remaining on the North American continent, the Flint Hills of Kansas.

The Randy and Judy Mills family will host the 2009 event in the Upper Turkey Springs pasture of the Doyle Creek Land and Cattle Company Ranch south of Cedar Point near Florence. The concert site

is just a few miles from a campsite of Zebulon Pike. Pikes's 1806 expedition stopped here on its reconnaissance of the Southwest. Here Pike named the hills.

**“12th September, Friday - Commenced our march at seven o'clock. Passed very ruff *flint hills*. My feat blistered and very sore. I stood on a hill, and in one view below me saw buffalo, elk, deer, cabrie, and panthers...” -Zebulon Pike**

For hundreds of years, before Pike, this land was inhabited by Native Americans, who understood that everything in the natural world is “alive with a vibrant force”. And now, two hundred years after Pike, we can come together to celebrate our cherished landscape and honor it's heritage and traditions. Open our eyes to the land that sustains us and in the process discover our own gratitude - our own “vibrant force”.

**DATE:** Saturday, June 13, 2009

**TIME:** Ticket Gate opens at 1:00 PM / Activities all afternoon / Concert starts at 6:45 PM

**PLACE:** Tallgrass prairie on the Doyle Creek Land and Cattle Company Ranch, Upper Turkey Springs pasture, near Florence, south of Cedar Point

**MUSIC:** Kansas City Symphony - Check our website for program developments

All afternoon, concertgoers may participate in a variety of activities to “Discover This Place”:

- Wildflower / prairie walks with Kansas Native Plant Society and Kansas Audubon Society guides
- Discussions of ranch life in the 1880's by regional historians and folklorist with Old-Time Flint Hills cowboys telling tales
- Explanations of geology, water and the natural character of the Flint Hills
- Rides in authentic horse-drawn covered wagons
- Presentations on area archeology
- Presentations on the “Importance of the Journal as a way of seeing” and the Flint Hills as inspiration
- Musical instrument “Petting Zoo”
- Silent Art Auction 1 PM - Intermission, featuring the Flint Hills landscape
- After the concert, stay to gaze at the stars through telescopes, dance to traditional western music on a new bigger dance floor, or sit in the moonlight around a story circle.



Governor Kathleen Sebelius  
Honorary Chair

Photo Jason Soden

Browse the website for all the details and important logistical information: [www.symphonyintheflinthills.org](http://www.symphonyintheflinthills.org)

## A note from the Chair



Patty Reece  
Board Chair 2009

Once again, we look forward to welcoming you to the magnificent Flint Hills for an afternoon and evening of pure delight. The afternoon will offer a wide range of experiences to enhance your knowledge and enjoyment of the Kansas Flint Hills. The evening will be filled with beautiful music celebrating the landscape, as only music can do.

For those who envisioned this event four years ago, it began as an adventure. It has now become a journey. Each year as we strive to deepen and broaden the experience, we discover more than we ever imagined about the richness of this eco-region, the culture it inspires, and the history it has experienced. We are eager to share this with you.

Our most sincere appreciation goes out to Governor Kathleen Sebelius, the major presenting sponsor UMB Bank, the Kansas City Symphony, the Mills family, all of the Patrons, Sponsors, Foundations and Volunteers who are coming together to make this a wonderful day and a most memorable experience.

I'll see you in June...in the beautiful Kansas Flint Hills!

*Patty Reece*

**Prairie activities are being planned for concert day. Please visit our web site for periodic updates: [www.symphonynintheflinthills.org](http://www.symphonynintheflinthills.org)**

## APRIL 6TH, TICKETS GO ON SALE!

Only 5,000 tickets will be issued for general admission! All tickets will be sold through the Kansas City Symphony box office.

## CONCERT DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009

Gate opens at 1 PM / Concert begins at 6:45 p.m.  
Rain date: Sunday, June 14, 2009

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)

### Contact the box office:

Telephone: 816.471.0400  
Online: [www.kcsymphony.org](http://www.kcsymphony.org)  
Email: [info@kcsymphony.org](mailto:info@kcsymphony.org)

### Walk-in ticket purchase, 2 Locations:

#### Kansas City Symphony Box Office

1020 Central, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64105.  
Box office hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

#### Wichita

Location being arranged. Call the Kansas City box office for details or go to [www.kcsymphony.org](http://www.kcsymphony.org)

### For updated information please check:

311 Cottonwood Ave, PO Box 441, Strong City, KS 66869-0441  
620.273.8955  
Email: [info@symphonynintheflinthills.org](mailto:info@symphonynintheflinthills.org)

website: [www.symphonynintheflinthills.org](http://www.symphonynintheflinthills.org)

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Producing an event in the middle of the prairie takes a lot of doing – **less than 50% of the costs are covered by ticket sales.** As a financial supporter of Symphony in the Flint Hills, Inc., you are contributing to the sustainability of the annual concert series. Your gift will help ensure that this unique combination of prairie, music and heritage education continues to enrich the lives of those ready for a 'true arts adventure'.

There are three primary ways to give:

#### SPONSOR:

Sponsorship opportunities may be customized to reflect specific interests. To discuss sponsorship possibilities and corresponding benefits, contact Development Chair Bruce Breckenridge, through our office 620.273.8955.

#### PATRON:

Patron Packages (\$1,000 contribution) includes Patron Tent access, VIP reception/dinner, 2 reserved seat tickets, retail gift certificate, one parking pass and recognition in the Symphony in the Flint Hills commemorative program.

#### GRASSROOTS DONOR:

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

For more information about gifts on any level, call Symphony in the Flint Hills, Inc. at 620.273.8955. Symphony in the Flint Hills, Inc. is a designated 501(c)3 non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Service regulations.

Thank you for your generous support!

### Calling Volunteers!!

Work with dedicated, versatile, and positive prairie enthusiasts! To meet the challenge of producing a world class musical event in a remote natural setting, we need an enormous amount of work and collaborative spirit. Many people are needed who will say "I'll take this part, I'll work on this team, I'll show up and follow through."

The success of the whole event depends upon people working together in a committed way to help make the event happen.

HOW TO APPLY: Please contact Kelly Tastove, Volunteer Coordinator, in our Strong City office (620.273.8955 or [info@symphonynintheflinthills.org](mailto:info@symphonynintheflinthills.org)) for volunteer applications and a team list.



Photo by Kevin Sink

We will give your application to one of 45 different team leaders who will contact you to discuss what positions match your expectations and capabilities. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, and we cannot guarantee that every applicant will be placed.

Volunteers must work a minimum 4-hour shift before, during, or after the event to qualify for a free ticket to the concert. However, it is important to know we are looking for people who are sincerely committed to the work of hosting and producing the event. And are willing to "stay on task even during the concert".

Thank you to all who are devoting time, energy and expertise to help get ready for the magic!



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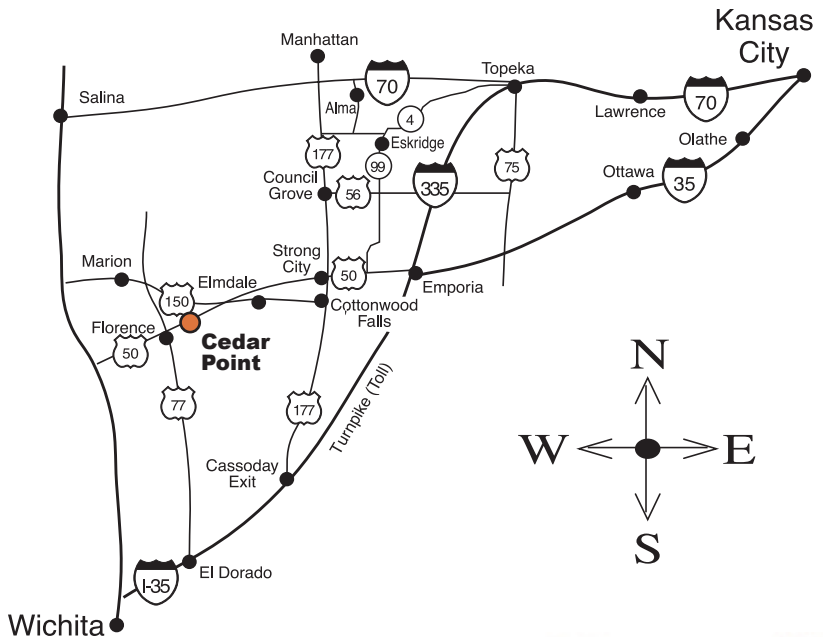
New 2009 Concert Location  
**Doyle Creek Land  
& Cattle Company**

Located between Florence and Strong City, south of Cedar Point.

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The site for the 4th Annual Concert is in Chase County on privately owned ranchland approximately three miles southeast of Cedar Point.  
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**DISTANCE TO CEDAR POINT FROM :**

- Topeka - 96 miles ( Southwest )
- Manhattan - 77 miles ( Southwest )
- Emporia - 39 miles ( West )
- Wichita - 61 miles ( Northeast )
- Kansas City - 149 miles ( Southwest )
- Lawrence - 115 miles ( Southwest )



For a more detailed map, please visit [maps.Google.com](http://maps.Google.com) and search for Cedar Point, Kansas.