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## **Symphony in the Flint Hills Concert Sells Out**

Strong City, Kan.....The organizers of the Symphony in the Flint Hills have announced the concert is now sold out. The early sell-out of the June 10 inaugural concert has amazed event organizers.

"Ticket sales have been strong since January, but we never expected to sell out all 5,000 tickets more than two months in advance of the concert," said Kathy Miller, chair of the non-profit organization, Symphony in the Flint Hills, Inc., that is producing the event. "The combination of the Kansas City Symphony and the Paul Winter Consort together in the beautiful Flint Hills landscape of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve has proven to be irresistible."

Despite pressure to increase the audience size, organizers will hold to their original 5,000 limit of ticket holders because they want people who already have tickets to enjoy a quality experience. Logistics involve transporting concert-goers on hay wagons up a one-lane gravel road through the hills to the concert site. In addition to ticket holders, there will be nearly 1,000 other participants at the event, including 200 orchestra and chorus members, 300 volunteers, vendors, and several hundred patrons and sponsors.

According to Emily Hunter, event coordinator, "The early sell-out is evidence of a growing desire by individuals to directly experience and learn about the tallgrass prairie of the Flint Hills. People are coming from all over the country. Nature and art together capture the imagination."

Symphony in the Flint Hills, Inc. envisions the June 10, 2006, event to be the first in an annual series of concerts to be held in different locations throughout the Flint Hills. The 2007 concert is expected to be held in Wabaunsee County, Kansas.

Individuals may enter their email address at [www.symphonymintheflinthills.org](http://www.symphonymintheflinthills.org) to receive information about the 2007 concert when it is announced. Tickets for the 2007 event are expected to go on sale in the fall.