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**Louisville Orchestra Musicians Press Conference
Parties Close to Signing Agreement on 1-Year Bridge Contract**

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, April 13, 2012 – The Louisville Orchestra Musicians Association will hold a press conference at 12:00 pm on Friday, April 13th, 2012 at the corner of 5th Street and Main Street in downtown Louisville. Representatives from the Musicians association will discuss the current state of negotiations with the Louisville Orchestra Board of Directors and its management.

The parties are very close to signing a 1-year bridge agreement, where the current musicians will immediately return to work and all parties adhere to binding recommendations under a mutually agreeable orchestra professional; which the musicians have already agreed to. Metro Council President Jim King is brokering the negotiations, and all sides sincerely appreciate his determination in resolving this long-standing dispute.

Immediately following the press conference, a group of Orchestra Musicians will play a short concert extending their determination to bring the music back to the Louisville community. The musicians look forward to resolving the lockout as soon as possible.

It would be a disservice to orchestra community if replacement musicians were hired, and supporters of the musicians, both locally and nationally, continue to speak out on behalf of the musicians and the threat by the board to replace them.

"It is more than sad that anyone could think that any group of replacement musicians could ever truly be the Louisville Orchestra -- what a disgrace for the City of Louisville! The effort to replace the musicians of the LOMA will never be successful as musicians across the country, across North America and, indeed, across the world will stand with the true musicians of the Louisville Orchestra," says Bruce Ridge, Chair of the International Conference of Symphony and Opera Musicians.

Representatives from the Louisville Orchestra Musicians Association as well as local supporters will be available for comment during the press conference.

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