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The Leigh Daniels Ensemble Debut CD “Six Steps to Heaven” Release

Performance Network Theatre Benefit Concert

The Leigh Daniels Ensemble Debuts First CD at Benefit Concert for Performance Network Theatre

(Ann Arbor) The Leigh Daniels Ensemble will introduce the Ensemble’s debut CD, “Six Steps to Heaven,” in a benefit performance at Performance Network Theatre in downtown Ann Arbor on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 8:00 PM. The concert offers the opportunity to hear a mix of contemporary, classical and jazz compositions by Daniels, including several new works. All proceeds from tickets sales benefit the Performance Network Theatre, which is located at 120 East Huron Street, Ann Arbor.

Joining leader and bassist Daniels on the stage will be: Leslie DeShazor Adams, viola and Assistant Director; Buddy Budson, piano; George Davidson, drums; Rob Pipho, vibraphone; Terry Kimura, trombone; Kathleen Moore, voice and percussion; Judith Teasdale, violin; Brad Phillips, violin and mandolin; Nancy Millen and Katri Ervamaa, cello; and Daniel McDonald, percussion and guitar.

Daniels is thrilled with the talent presented through the Ensemble. “Although I am the leader, I also am learning from the excellent musicians who are bringing the notes I write—and those of others—to life,” says Daniels. “I have built the music and the program on the premise that through teaching and learning from each other, we can produce sounds and forms that are interesting, inventive and immensely satisfying to listeners. For me the process of playing together over time is at least as important as playing a concert.”

The “Six Steps to Heaven” CD features studio and live recordings. Information about the Ensemble and the CD is available at www.leighdaniels.com.

Tickets for the October 28 performance start at \$25 (\$5 student and senior discounts with valid ID) and are available for sale through the PNT box office, 734-663-0681 or online at www.performancenetwork.org.

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