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## MHS Orchestra to perform with the BOSTON STRING QUARTET

Saturday, October 22nd, 2011

Maryville, TN -- Maryville City Schools is pleased to welcome the Boston String Quartet to Maryville on October 22 to perform with the Maryville High School Orchestra. Selected as one of seven schools around the nation as performing partners, MHS is honored to offer this wonderful opportunity both students and the community. Concert tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from the Clayton Center Box Office - the public is welcome!

The Boston String Quartet is a daring and groove-based string ensemble conducted by Todd Sullivan. Their concerts include rock, jazz, and ethnic fusion from around the world. The concert on the 22<sup>nd</sup> in Maryville will include familiar selections such as Michael Jackson's "Beat It", Latin favorites "Oye Como Va" and "Besame Mucho", and Charlie Daniel's dueling violins masterpiece, "The Devil Went Down to Georgia".

The Boston String Quartet (BSQ), who performs with "mature depth and musical prowess" (Tower Records), have been delighting audiences throughout the nation with their unique blend of repertoire Hall, Carnegie Hall, the quartet performs their own arrangements of classical chamber music, rock, jazz, world music and more, and is continually "exploring different ways of sparking musical interest" [Boston Globe]. This journey has allowed for collaboration with John Mayer, the Boston Ballet, Fionnuala Gill, Giorgia Fumanti, Jennifer Holliday, Lisa Fisher, Tim Janis, Dave Fiuczynski, as well as opportunity to perform sold out performances at such venues as Symphony Hall, the Los Angeles Music Awards, PBS, Yankee Homecoming Festival, and for former president George H.W. Bush.

Committed to music education in New England, the members of the BSQ are currently Ensemble-in-Residence at contemporary music school, School of Groove. The quartet participates in multiple education tours each year, during which the group works with high school music programs in workshops, master classes, rehearsals, and performance.

To date, the BSQ has released four albums, including "Xibus" [a genre-stretching tour-de-force from one of the finest young touring string quartets in the United States - PARMA], a new release from Navona Recordings. The BSQ can be heard over the radio or may be found performing on local television stations, as well as nationally on PBS. Recordings may be purchased world-wide from Naxos Recordings.

Matthew Wilkinson, Director of the Maryville High School Orchestra said, "Having such a prestigious group come to Maryville and perform with our students is a great honor for us. We look forward to the collaboration and can't wait to perform this exciting concert for the Maryville and East Tennessee community." The public is welcome to attend this concert at the Clayton Center for the Arts, on the Maryville College campus, on October 22, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

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