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## **UMS Announces First Annual Ovation Spring Gala Honorary Chairs Jim and Sarah Harbaugh Help Raise Funds for Arts Education**

Ann Arbor, MI (May 4, 2016) — The **University Musical Society (UMS)** is pleased to announce that its new Ovation spring gala will take place on Saturday, May 14 at Crisler Center’s Hall of Honors. Participants will join honorary chairs Jim and Sarah Harbaugh, gala chairs Sarah and Daniel Nicoli, and the UMS Board of Directors in raising funds to support UMS’s education initiatives. Ford Motor Company Fund, a longtime supporter of UMS education programs, is the lead sponsor of Ovation.

UMS provides exceptional educational experiences for K-12 students, teachers, teens, university students, families, and adults. Contributions from Ovation sponsors and attendees will help keep ticket prices affordable, bring artists into classrooms, and allow UMS to offer many other opportunities that inspire creativity and enhance learning at all ages.

“We’re delighted that Jim and Sarah Harbaugh have agreed to serve as honorary chairs for our new spring gala,” said UMS President Kenneth C. Fischer. “We so appreciate their willingness to support this community, and to support arts education initiatives for young people.”

Sponsorship levels range from \$500 - \$25,000. Individuals and organizations interested in attending or becoming a sponsor can visit [ums.org](http://ums.org) or contact Esther Barrett at [embarret@umich.edu](mailto:embarret@umich.edu) or 734-764-8489.

### **ABOUT UMS**

One of the oldest performing arts presenters in the country, UMS contributes to a vibrant cultural community by connecting audiences with performing artists from around the world in uncommon and engaging experiences. UMS is an independent non-profit organization affiliated with the University of Michigan, presenting over 70 music, theater, and dance performances by professional touring artists

each season, along with over 100 free educational activities. UMS is part of the University of Michigan's "Victors for Michigan" campaign, reinforcing its commitment to bold artistic leadership, engaged learning through the arts, and access and inclusiveness. UMS was awarded the 2014 National Medal of Arts by President Obama.

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