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SYMPHONY IN THE  
FLINT  HILLS



SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCERT 2012

The Prairie: Its Seasons and Rhythms

Leet Pasture

Bushong, Kansas

*“Accompanied by the natural rhythm and melody of the prairie, the Symphony in the Flint Hills welcomes you to celebrate the subtle beauty of this place. Through the progression of time and seasons, the Flint Hills have steadfastly protected and preserved this last remnant of native tallgrass prairie. As we reflect on its timelessness, I invite you to marvel at all of the natural gifts of our great state – a place we are blessed to call home.”*

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback

Honorary Chair

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## *Our Mission*

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*Heighten appreciation and knowledge  
of the tallgrass prairie, by providing  
opportunities to experience  
symphonic music and place-based education  
in the Kansas Flint Hills.*

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*“In the end we will conserve only what we love.  
We will love only what we understand.  
We will understand only what we are taught.”*

*Baba Dioum  
Poet/Conservationist, Senegal*

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Capitol Federal welcomes you to the Seventh Annual Symphony in the Flint Hills performance. Its theme of “The Prairie: Its Seasons and Rhythms” reminds us that the beauty and sounds of the Flint Hills are never-ending. The resonance of the Kansas City Symphony through the Tallgrass Prairie extends a reverence and respect for the Flint Hills and for all who called them home.

The experience of this event is like no other. Gain all you can from this day. Walk the trails of wildflowers and native grasses, attend the education programs and listen to the stories of long ago. You’ll take a step back in time, returning home to the roots

of those who loved the prairie enough to preserve and protect it for all of us. It’s their legacy, our heritage – a home to honor for generations to come.

We at Capitol Federal hope you take advantage of today as part of the Flint Hills Heritage Week. When you leave, tell others of your discovery and invite them to experience the prairie seasons and rhythms of the Flint Hills. Remember – it’s your heritage – it’s Kansas!



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