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**Wilmington Trust Enters Into Three-Year Sponsorship of Allentown Symphony Orchestra**

Bethlehem, PA, January 5, 2009 – Wilmington Trust FSB, Pennsylvania announced that it has entered into a new agreement as a corporate sponsor of the Allentown Symphony Orchestra. The three-year agreement, which begins in 2009, runs through 2011.

“This multi-year sponsorship of the Allentown Symphony is important to us and to the Lehigh Valley,” said Jeffrey J. Culp, president of Wilmington Trust FSB, Pennsylvania. “It is consistent with Wilmington Trust’s commitment to the arts and cultural activities within the communities we serve. The cultural district of downtown Allentown is vital to the region and enriches the life of Lehigh Valley residents.”

The Allentown Symphony Orchestra has the distinction of being the smallest symphony orchestra in America to own its own performance venue, Allentown’s historic Symphony Hall. It is the region’s premier performing arts facility. Together, the Allentown Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Hall form the non-profit Allentown Symphony Association.

“Wilmington Trust’s financial support not only strengthens our ability to offer an exciting repertoire of classical music and music education programs in schools to some 15,000 students, but it also contributes to the sustained vitality of the arts in the northeast region of Pennsylvania,” said Kris Burfeind, president of the Allentown Symphony Association.

Wilmington Trust FSB, Pennsylvania is headquartered in Villanova and has other offices in Philadelphia, West, Chester, and Doylestown; its Lehigh Valley office is at One East Broad Street in Bethlehem. The company provides commercial banking and wealth advisory services to mid-sized family-owned and closely held businesses with annual sales of up to \$250 million. It serves these clients with teams of commercial bankers and wealth advisors who support clients' lending needs as they establish and grow their businesses and their families' wealth management needs as their businesses prosper.

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