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YOUNG CHESS PLAYERS INVITED TO CHALLENGE THE EXPERTS
AT "ONE HUNDRED CHANCES TO CHECKMATE"
Pre-registration for Simultaneous Chess Exhibition Now Open

Greensboro, NC - One hundred young players will have the chance to take on the Triad's best chess experts at the **fifth annual "One Hundred Chances to Checkmate," a simultaneous chess exhibition to be held at the Bryan YMCA in downtown Greensboro, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 20.** Advance registration is recommended, and the free competition is open to chess players of all skill levels between the ages of six and 21. Players should call the Symphony at 336-335-5456, ext 227 or e-mail gsoadmin@greensborosymphony.org to reserve their spot for the event.

All players will be considered "winners" and will receive trophies and prizes provided by the exhibition's sponsors: Stearns Financial Services Group, The Greensboro Symphony and the YMCA of Greensboro.

At the event, the young players are paired with one of the experts. Numerous boards are set up and the expert moves from board to board making his move. The young players have the time in which it takes the exhibitor to return to their board to consider their moves. The young player makes his or her move in front of the expert once he returns to their board individually. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to coach their young chess players.

"We encourage players and spectators of all age to come observe the exhibition," says Dennis Stearns, president of Stearns Financial Services Group and one of the experts participating in the event. "If you are new to the game, you may gain new knowledge and if it is your first exposure, you may walk away with a new interest. We especially encourage parents to bring their kids and expose them to the game. Chess has long been regarded as a game that can have beneficial effects on reading & math skills, learning and development, especially when it is played from a young age. We'd love to stimulate more interest from our youth."

With only 100 seats available for young players, pre-registration is recommended, but participants can also register the day of the event between 1:30 and 1:45 p.m. Players are welcome to bring their own chess sets. Other sets are being provided by the Southeast Greensboro Chess Club, North Carolina A&T State University and the YMCAs of Greensboro.

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