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“A Madison Symphony Christmas”

One of Madison’s favorite holiday traditions, December 2, 3 & 4

MADISON, WI – Join the Madison Symphony Orchestra (MSO) and Music Director John DeMain as they kick off the holiday season with the much-loved tradition – *A Madison Symphony Christmas* – with concerts on Dec. 2, 3, and 4 in Overture Hall.

Celebrate the holidays with an array of music from **Handel’s Hallelujah Chorus** to exciting Gospel selections. Highlights will also include **Franck’s Panis Angelicus**, selections from **John Rutter’s Magnificat** and holiday classics including *Baby, It’s Cold Outside* and *The First Noel*.

Performing with the MSO will be Soprano **Syliva McNair**, star of Broadway and the Metropolitan Opera, along with the **Madison Symphony Chorus**, directed by Beverly Taylor. In addition, **Madison Youth Choirs**, directed by Michael Ross and the **Mt. Zion Gospel Choir**, directed by Tamera and Leotha Stanley, will be featured during the program. No Christmas concert would be complete without a sing-along. To conclude the concert, audience members will be invited to join with the MSO and guest artists to sing beloved holiday carols.

The concerts are Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3 at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2:30 p.m. in Overture Hall, 201 State Street.

Concertgoers are encouraged to **arrive 45 minutes before the concert begins** to join the Madison Symphony Chorus as they lead a selection of Christmas carols in the festively lit lobby at Overture Hall.

The festivities are sure to brighten spirits for all ages with many families attending in groups of two or three generations.

These concerts typically sell out, so early ticket purchases are encouraged.

Single Tickets are \$16 to \$87 each, available at madisonsymphony.org/christmas, through the Overture Center Box Office at 201 State Street, or call the Box Office at (608) 258-4141.

Groups of 15 or more can save 25% by calling the MSO office at (608) 257-3734. For more information visit, madisonsymphony.org/groups.

Club 201, MSO’s organization for young professionals, has continued to fulfill its mission for the past 11 years as the premiere organization promoting classical music and networking opportunities to the young professionals’ community in Madison. Tickets are \$35 each and include world class seating in Overture Hall, an exclusive after-party to be held at Fresco, one drink ticket, and a cash bar. Conductor John



DeMain, as well as musicians from the symphony, may also be in attendance to mingle with Madison's young professionals during the after-party.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Thurs., Dec. 1, pending availability. Tickets can be purchased for this event, as well as the other events throughout the 2016-17 season by visiting the Club 201 page on the MSO's website at <http://www.madisonsymphony.org/club201>.

Student rush tickets can be purchased in person on the day of the concert at the Overture Box Office at 201 State Street. Students must show a valid student ID and can receive up to two \$12 or \$15 tickets. More information is at: madisonsymphony.org/studentrush. Students can receive 20% savings on seats in select areas of the hall on advance ticket purchases.

Seniors age 62 and up receive 20% savings on advance and day-of-concert ticket purchases in select areas of the hall.

Discounted seats are subject to availability, and discounts may not be combined.

ABOUT THE MADISON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Madison Symphony Orchestra enters its 91st season with the 2016-2017 concerts and its 23rd season under the leadership of Music Director John DeMain. The MSO has grown to be one of America's leading regional orchestras, enriching lives through providing Madison and south central Wisconsin with cultural and educational opportunities to interact with great masterworks and top-tier guest artists from around the world. Find more information at madisonsymphony.org.

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