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The Organ in Oratorio and Opera Highlights Three Musicians *2016-17 MSO Overture Concert Organ Series, Tuesday, February 21, 2017*

MADISON, WI – Madison Symphony Orchestra (MSO) welcomes acclaimed organist Samuel Hutchison and singers Andrew Bidlack and Kyle Ketelsen performing as a trio for an exciting evening of memorable music from oratorio and opera, Tuesday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Overture Hall, 201 State Street.

Principal Organist and Curator for the Madison Symphony Orchestra Samuel Hutchison joins forces with two outstanding singers in the first half to perform a program of favorite arias and overtures from **Handel's *Messiah***, **Mendelssohn's *Elijah***, and **Rossini's *Stabat Mater***. Opera will be the focus of the second half, featuring selections from **Bizet's *Carmen***, **Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*** and **Gounod's *Faust***.

Featured by *Opera News* as one of their top 25 brilliant young artists, tenor Andrew Bidlack makes his debut in Overture Hall following performances at The Metropolitan Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Welsh National Opera, and London's Covent Garden.

Bass Kyle Ketelsen has sung with major opera companies throughout the world including The Metropolitan Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and State Opera of Berlin and is praised for his vibrant stage presence and his distinctive vocalism.

General Admission for each Overture Concert Organ performance is \$20. Tickets can be purchased at madisonsymphony.org/organopera, (608) 258-4141 or the Overture Center Box Office.

Student Rush tickets can be purchased in person on the day of the concert at the Overture Center Box Office at 201 State Street. Students must show a valid student ID and can receive up to two \$10 tickets.

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ABOUT THE MADISON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Madison Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 91st season in 2016-2017 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, 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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