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Tomorrow Final Organ Concert, and Saturday Final Hymn Sing of the Season
2016-17 MSO Overture Concert Organ Series Concludes with Erik Wm. Suter and Gary Lewis

MADISON, WI – Madison Symphony Orchestra welcomes acclaimed organist Erik Wm. Suter in recital, Tuesday, Mar. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Overture Hall, 201 State Street.

Suter will perform works by Bach, Mozart, Duruflé, and Bolcom, among others.

A native of Chicago, Suter enjoys an international career from Tokyo to Toronto and from Massachusetts to Madison. For 10 years he served as organist at the Washington National Cathedral. Additionally, he has won five first place awards in numerous organ competitions around the world. His performances of the complete organ works of Maurice Duruflé have garnered high praise: “Suter’s impeccable organ playing and musicianship were certainly the highlight of the evening.”

On Saturday, March 11, at 11:00 a.m., the MSO invites the entire community to sing together with the Overture Concert Organ at a free Hymn Sing in Overture Hall, 201 State Street. All ages are welcome and no registration or tickets are required.

The Hymn Sing will feature classic hymns and spirituals such as *Rock of Ages*, *Were You There*, and *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* as well as solo organ works by Bach, Bristol and Vierne. Gary Lewis, Organist at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, will lead the hymn singing, which will last approximately one hour.

General Admission for each Overture Concert Organ performance is \$20. Tickets can be purchased at madisonsymphony.org/suter, (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.

The Erik Wm. Suter performance is sponsored by Mike and Beth Hamerlik. Support for all Overture Concert Organ programs is provided by the Diane Endres Ballweg Fund. With a gift from Pleasant T. Rowland, the Madison Symphony Orchestra (MSO) commissioned the Overture Concert Organ, which is the stunning backdrop of all MSO concerts.



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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