

MADISON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

JOHN DEMAIN | MUSIC DIRECTOR

Your Madison Symphony Orchestra's 100th Anniversary Season is Here!

100 YEARS

TOGETHER IN MUSIC



Be part of the experience.

Music is a universal language for everyone. Experiencing the thrill of live music together is uplifting and unforgettable. The Madison Symphony Orchestra's story of innovation, passion for music, education, resilience, and vision, spans a century — breaking barriers, and setting new standards of excellence. This fall, your Symphony begins its 100th year anniversary celebration of joy bringing music to life in Madison.

The 25/26 season presents **eight triple-performance subscription concerts** featuring orchestral music performed by MSO musicians and world-renowned guest soloists, plus **two MSO at the Movies live-to-film concerts**, from October 2025 through May 2026. This season celebrates Maestro John DeMain's 32nd and final year as Music Director, before the next artistic leader takes the baton and begins shaping the future of the orchestra.

The "Centennial Festival Weekend" is the culmination of "100 Years Together in Music," June 13-14, 2026. "A Community Gift and Dream — for the Love of Music" is a free, two-day open house celebration featuring MSO musicians and diverse community groups performing throughout Overture Center for the Arts each day. Main stage events include a Family Concert and Overture Concert Organ performance on Saturday, June 13, and MSO concert on Sunday, June 14, presenting many of the "greatest hits" of classical music. The Sunday concert features a special appearance by one of the top violinists in the world, Julian Rhee, winner of the 2017 Bolz Young Artist Competition.

The Madison Symphony Orchestra takes pride in its evolution and a clear vision to compose a new future connecting community and expanding musical horizons. You're invited to share your love of live music together — everyone can be part of the experience.

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Single Tickets

Purchase single tickets (starting at \$20) by phone **(608) 258-4141**, in-person at the Overture Box Office, online at madisonsymphony.org or overture.org.

Dates, artists, programs, and prices subject to change. MSO at the Movies and Centennial Celebration concerts are separate from the subscription season. Overture Center fees and sales tax apply to all orders. Additional Overture fee applies to phone and online orders (no fee for in-person orders at the Box Office).

OCT 5

SUNDAY 2:30 PM

MSO AT THE MOVIES

KYLE KNOX Conductor



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OCT 17-19

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:30 PM | SUNDAY 2:30 PM

Primal Light

JOHN DEMAIN Conductor
CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR Piano
JENI HOUSER Soprano
EMILY FONS Mezzo-Soprano
MADISON SYMPHONY CHORUS
Beverly Taylor, Director

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MUSIC

MASON BATES Resurrexit
CÉSAR FRANCK Symphonic Variations
GUSTAV MAHLER Symphony No. 2 in C minor, "Resurrection"

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NOV 21-23

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:30 PM | SUNDAY 2:30 PM

Radiance

ROBERT MOODY Guest Conductor
ALBAN GERHARDT Cello

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MUSIC

CHRISTOPHER THEOFANIDIS Rainbow Body
JOSEPH HAYDN Cello Concerto in D Major
MODEST MUSSORGSKY arr. MAURICE RAVEL Pictures at an Exhibition

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DEC 5-7

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:30 PM | SUNDAY 2:30 PM

A Madison Symphony Christmas

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JOHN DEMAIN Conductor
ALEXANDRA LOBIANCO Soprano
KYLE KETELSEN Bass-Baritone
MADISON SYMPHONY CHORUS
Beverly Taylor, Director
MT. ZION GOSPEL CHOIR
Tamera and Leotha Stanley, Directors
MADISON YOUTH CHOIRS
Michael Ross, Artistic Director

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JAN 23-25

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:30 PM | SUNDAY 2:30 PM

Heartbeat

KAZEM ABDULLAH Guest Conductor
YEFIM BRONFMAN Piano

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MUSIC

GABRIELA LENA FRANK Escaramuza
RICHARD STRAUSS Suite from Der Rosenkavalier, Op. 59
JOHANNES BRAHMS Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-flat Major, Op. 83

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FEB 20-22

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:30 PM | SUNDAY 2:30 PM

Playful Pursuits

TANIA MILLER Guest Conductor
RACHEL BARTON PINE Violin

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MUSIC

FELIX MENDELSSOHN Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream, Op. 21
ERICH WOLFGANG KORNGOLD Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 35
CLAUDE DEBUSSY Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune (Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun)
IGOR STRAVINSKY Petrushka (1947 version)

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MAR 20-22

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:30 PM | SUNDAY 2:30 PM

Force of Nature

JOHN DEMAIN Conductor
EMANUEL AX Piano

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MUSIC

RICHARD STRAUSS Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks, Op. 28
WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART Piano Concerto No. 25 in C Major, K. 503
GABRIELA ORTIZ Téenek - Invenciones de Territorio
OTTORINO RESPIGHI Pines of Rome, P.141

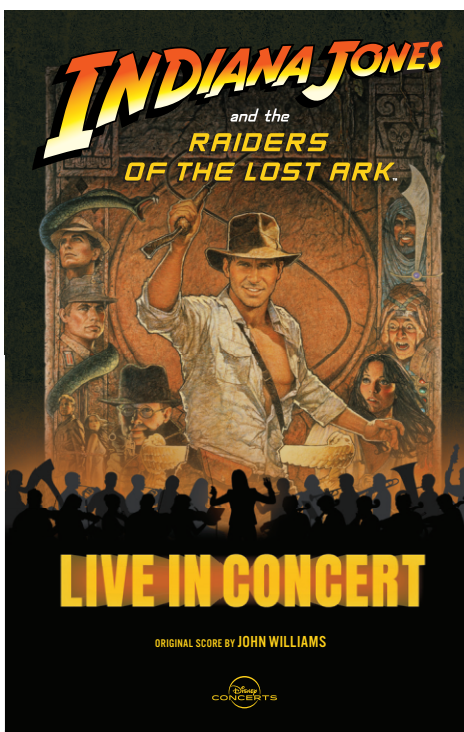
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MAR 28-29

SATURDAY 7:30 PM | SUNDAY 2:30 PM

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KYLE KNOX Conductor



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APR 10-12

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:30 PM | SUNDAY 2:30 PM

Four the Soul

LAURA JACKSON Guest Conductor
LOS ANGELES GUITAR QUARTET

Guest Artists
JOHN DEARMAN • MATT GREIF
BILL KANENGISER • DOUGLAS LORA

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MUSIC

JIMMY LÓPEZ Fiesta! Four Pop Dances for Orchestra
JOAQUIN RODRIGO Concerto Andaluz
JEAN SIBELIUS Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 43

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MAY 1-3

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:30 PM | SUNDAY 2:30 PM

Voices Eternal

JOHN DEMAIN Conductor
AILYN PÉREZ Soprano
MADISON SYMPHONY CHORUS
Beverly Taylor, Director
MT. ZION GOSPEL CHOIR
Tamera and Leotha Stanley, Directors
MADISON YOUTH CHOIRS
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MUSIC

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67
JAKE HEGGIE / GENE SCHEER EARTH: A Choral Symphony World Premiere

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