

A Madison Symphony Christmas

This spectacular annual celebration has become a joyful way to begin the holiday season in our community for concertgoers of all ages. It's no wonder that Maestro DeMain is bringing two of his favorite soloists, soprano Alexandra LoBianco and bass-baritone Kyle Ketelsen, to share their gifts, for his 32nd season. The Madison Symphony Chorus, Madison Youth Chorus, and the Mt. Zion Gospel Choir join us to bring this special concert to life. You'll experience the same blend of familiar and new once again this year. It starts with caroling in the lobby with the Chorus before each performance to set the mood. Bring your family and friends to share this beloved Madison tradition with us!



JOHN **DEMAIN**
Conductor

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The soprano [Alexandra LoBianco] has unbelievable voice control and an uncanny ability to blend with the orchestra, chorus, and fellow soloists. At times, her voice felt like a broad stable presence perfectly seated within a larger harmony, while at other times it shined above the ensemble though never at the expense of a perfect blend. – *The Cap Times*

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Far and away the most commanding performance was that of bass-baritone Kyle Ketelsen... He has a naturally beautiful, superbly trained voice, rich and clear at the low end, smooth and flexible in the middle range and effortless at the top. – *Opera News*



ALEXANDRA **LOBIANCO**
Soprano



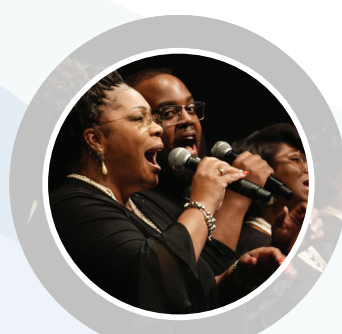
KYLE **KETELSEN**
Bass-Baritone



MADISON YOUTH CHORUS
Michael Ross,
Artistic Director



MADISON SYMPHONY CHORUS
Beverly Taylor, Director



MT. ZION GOSPEL CHOIR
Tamera & Leatha Stanley,
Directors

MUSIC

NEALE (Arr. Rutter), O Come, O Come Immanuel

HANDEL And the Glory of the Lord from The Messiah

HANDEL Thus Saith the Lord

HANDEL But Who May Abide from The Messiah

MOZART Laudate Dominum from Vesperae solennes de confessore, K.339

WILBERG One December, Bright and Clear

BLAKE Walking In the Air from The Snowman

MOZART Rondo: Allegro vivace from Horn Concerto No.4, K.495, E-flat Major

ADAM/GENDEL O Holy Night

RUTTER Gloria in excelsis Deo

RUTTER Quoniam tu solus sanctus from Gloria

HANDEL Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah HWV 56

HUMPERDINCK Pantomime from Hansel and Gretel

HATFIELD Apple-Tree Wassail

DEBNEY (GRASSI/HAYDEN) Theme from Elf
HAGUE/NAUGHTIN "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch"
from How the Grinch Stole Christmas

STEPHENSON I Saw Three Ships

HERMAN We Need A Little Christmas from Mame

STANLEY Joy of Christmas

STANLEY The Spirit of Christmas is Love

STANLEY Joy to the World

VARIOUS (ARR. GOELLER)

Christmas Carol Sing Along

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online at madisonsymphony.org or overture.org.

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