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WYSO's ART OF NOTE Gala on March 4, 2017 Seeks to Raise \$85,000 for Music Education

WYSO will hold its annual Art of Note Gala fundraiser, on March 4, 2017 from 6 to 10 p.m., at Marriot West, on Madison's far west side. Join dozens of major corporate underwriters and small business sponsors as well as individual attendees in helping WYSO to meet its goal of raising \$85,000.



Study after study confirms that music education reaps lifelong benefits in academic and career success that go far beyond making music. And no single music educational organization in Wisconsin reaches more students or listeners than the [Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras](http://www.wysomusic.org) (WYSO), which is based at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Mead Witter School of Music.

WYSO has served nearly 5,000 talented young musicians from more than 100 communities throughout south central Wisconsin over the past 51 years.

WYSO provides over \$50,000 in scholarships for students in need. WYSO performs through the community and undertakes local concerts and TV appearances as well as international tours. International tours have included Vienna, Prague, Budapest, Argentina, and Italy.

The Art of Note Gala garners community-wide support from those who are passionate about music education, ensuring that WYSO remains one of the top youth orchestra programs in the country.

The evening will feature live music performed by several WYSO student groups and an Italian theme: food, drinks and décor to bring back the memories of WYSO's most recent tour of Italy. Fundraising events include silent and live auctions of more than 100 items that include everything from fine wine and restaurant gift certificates to holiday getaways and tickets to major sporting and arts events. Of special note are the recycled violins that have been hand-painted and transformed into works of art by local artists.



Individual admission is \$125 in advance, \$135 at the door. (\$85 tax-deductible as a charitable donation per person) You may also purchase a table of four for \$450, a table of 8 for \$900, and a table of 10 for \$1,100. For reservations and more information about: attending or sponsoring the gala, donating auction items, WYSO's overall program and upcoming concerts, visit WYSO's home website at www.wysomusic.org/artofnote. You can also call (608) 263-3320, ext. 2.

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