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WYSO PERCUSSION EXTRAVAGANZA!!

'Lifting the World to Peace'

A Benefit for Ronald McDonald House Charities and WYSO

Drum roll, please! The Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras (WYSO) Percussion Ensemble will host its 16th annual PERCUSSION EXTRAVAGANZA!! on **Saturday, March 25th at 1:30pm** in Mills Concert Hall, UW Humanities Building. The WYSO Percussion Ensemble—14 amazing, student musicians from 10 communities, host this signature percussion benefit to help others. Previous PERCUSSION EXTRAVAGANZAS! have benefitted Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin and the local American Red Cross. This year—for the first time ever—Ronald McDonald House Charities will partner with WYSO in the collection of tangible items need for the Ronald McDonald House in Madison (list things here). The concert will also feature Ronald McDonald himself!



Nearly 60 performers—featuring Mannheim Steamroller drummer, Tom Sharpe—will present eclectic, global music dedicated to PEACE.



Tom Sharpe

Other EXTRAVAGANZA artists include Madison's own Black Star Drum Line Percussion Group led by Joey B. Banks, the UW Pan-Global Percussion Ensemble, Todd Hammes, instructor, and the WYSO Chamber Strings, led by Karl Lavine.

The WYSO Percussion Ensemble and PERCUSSION EXTRAVAGANZA! are supported by the Eric D. Batterman Memorial Fund, the Theodore W. Batterman Family Foundation, and the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information, please contact the WYSO office at (608) 263-3320. Parking is available at State Street Campus, Helen C. White, and Grainger Hall parking facilities.

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