

## Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras

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### Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras To Present The Diane Ballweg Winterfest Concerts

**MADISON, WI**—The Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras (WYSO) will present its second concert series of the season, the Diane Ballweg Winterfest Concerts, on March 10, 2018 in Mills Concert Hall, 455 N. Park Street, Madison.

WYSO fans can expect exciting performances from Opus One, Sinfonietta, Concert Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, Youth Orchestra, the Harp Ensemble, and the Advanced String Orchestra. Programed pieces include works from Brian Balmages, Ludwig van Beethoven, Ralph Matesky, Gustav Holst, Samuel Barber, and more.

“Every one of these concerts is jam-packed with great music—the kind of classics that have endured,” Interim WYSO Artistic Director Randal Swiggum said. “These concerts will inspire audiences, guaranteed, not just with masterworks like Holst’s ‘Jupiter’ from The Planets, and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5, but with the energy and freshness that young musicians bring to this music.”

Additional highlights from the concerts include an Opus One collaboration with the WYSO Music Makers Honors Ensemble on the traditional piece *Goin’ To Boston*; a guest appearance from NBC15 News Anchor/Reporter John Stofflet who will narrate Sinfonietta’s performance of *Lincoln at Gettysburg*; and concerto performances from the 2017-2018 Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition winners, Maureen Sheehan of Middleton and Dexter Mott of Madison.

“Both Maureen with the Walton Viola Concerto, and Dexter with the Sibelius Violin Concerto, have tackled mature pieces that demand not just technical prowess, but thoughtful, nuanced interpretation,” Swiggum said. “I know audiences will be truly moved by their playing.”

WYSO students travel from communities throughout southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois each Saturday to rehearse on the UW-Madison campus. Each orchestra performs three concerts per season, with additional performance opportunities available to students including ensembles and chamber groups.

Admission is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for youth 18 and under, with tickets available at the door the day of the concerts. For a full Winterfest concert repertoire, and to learn more about WYSO, visit [www.wysomusic.org](http://www.wysomusic.org).

### Diane Ballweg Winterfest Concerts Schedule

11:30 am – Opus One & Sinfonietta  
1:30 pm – Harp Ensemble & Concert Orchestra  
4:00 pm – Philharmonia Orchestra  
7:00 pm – Youth Orchestra

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