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Members of the Madison Symphony Orchestra will perform under the baton of guest maestro and UW School of Music faculty member James Smith, who conducts the UW Symphony Orchestra. The evening will include performances by guest marimbist Robert Rockman, winner of the 2016 Bolz Young Artist Competition. Musical selections for the evening were not available at press time.

Concert on the Green will be held at the Bishops Bay Country Club, 3500 Bishops Drive, Middleton. For more information and to make reservations, visit madisonsymphony.org/cog.

Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra's Concerts on the Square

Wondering why much of Madison is quiet every Wednesday evening from June 29 through August 3? It's because residents and visitors alike crowd the Capitol Square for the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra's annual Concerts on the Square. WCO, under maestro Andrew Sewell, presents a broad array of classics under a different theme each week to upwards of 30,000 people, most of whom bring their blankets, bottles of wine and picnic dinners to the free concerts.

This year's events begin with *The Appian Way* June 29, with compositions by Respighi, Turina, Mendelssohn and Copland and featuring guest artist pianist Liam Mayo. *Bursts of Joy*, July 6, features operatic sopranos Kitt and Alli Foss, compositions by Delibes and Massenet, patriotic music and the annual performance of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*.

The series continues with *Nature's Revelries* July 13, with WCO violinist Jerry Loughney performing Dukas, Sibelius, Gade and Dvorak. *Reel Sounds*, July 20, features movie music from *Star Wars*, *Lord of the Rings* and other films. *Eastern Elements*, July 27, invites Indian musician Chitravina N. Ravikiran to perform two Dikshitar works, with Beethoven also on the program. And the final program *Capriccio*, August 3, with trombonist Mark Hetzler joining the WCO to perform work by Honegger, Tchaikovsky and Tommy Dorsey.

WCO performs at the corner of King Street at the Square. Admission is free, but picnic blankets may not be put on the Capitol lawn prior to 3 p.m. For more information, visit wcoconcerts.org.



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Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra's Concerts on the Square are a summer tradition in Madison. Photo: WCO.

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