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Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra Contract Settled

MADISON, WI — The contract between the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra and its musicians has been settled. Contract talks have been ongoing since February 2008, and the musicians have been on strike since October 2008.

“I am pleased to have this contract ratified and move forward. We have so much to look forward to with our 50th Anniversary Season, James Galway’s appearance with us, and another great summer of Concerts on the Square” said Doug Gerhart, executive director of the WCO. Tom Grantham, president of the WCO Board of Directors adds “The Board of Directors is happy to conclude this matter and we feel we have arrived at a flexible and fair contract”.

Last Wednesday, the musicians agreed to perform Concerts on the Square which runs on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. for six weeks beginning June 24th. “We ask Madison to support these concerts through donations. If everyone who attends for free were to give a small donation, we would make up for the loss of some key sponsors who are not able to sponsor this year”, said Gerhart.

The exciting concert schedule and guest artists for Concerts on the Square include:

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| June 24, 2009 | Rachmaninov Rhapsody
Guest Artist, Christina Naughton, piano |
| July 1, 2009 | Lincoln Anniversary / Celebrate America
Guest Artist, Jimmy He, piano – Young Artist Concerto Competition Winner |
| July 8, 2009 | Verdi Meets Elvis
Guest Artist, Robert Bonfiglio, harmonica |
| July 15, 2009 | Movie Blockbusters
Guest Conductor, Richard Hynson
Guest Artist, Suzanne Beia, violin |

July 22, 2009 **Spanish Nights**
Guest Artist, Javier Calderon, guitar

July 29, 2009 **Maverick Marimba**
Guest Artist, Kevin Bobo, marimba

The WCO's indoor series begins October 29th and continues through April 2010. The spectacular lineup includes:

October 9, 2009 **Augustin Hadelich, violin**
Respighi / Three Botticelli Pictures
Mendelssohn / Violin Concerto in E-minor
Mozart / Symphony No. 41 'Jupiter'

November 14, 2009 **Special Appearance by Sir James Galway, flute**
Copland / Three Latin American Sketches
Stravinsky / Pulcinella Suite
Bach / Brandenburg Concerto No. 4
Ibert / Flute Concerto No. 4

November 28-29, 2009 **Holiday Pops**
Program Highlights:
Wendel / A Christmas Overture
Adam / O Holy Night
Holcombe / Festive Sounds of Hanukah
Bass / Joy to the World: Fanfare for Christmastide

December 11, 2009 **The Messiah**
Performed at Blackhawk Church

January 22, 2010 **The Minneapolis Guitar Quartet**
Bacewicz / Concerto for String Orchestra
Rodrigo / Concierto Andaluz
Ginastera / Variaciones Concertantes op 23

March 26, 2010 **Ryan Anthony, trumpeter**
Albinoni / Concerto St Marc
Handel / Concerto Grosso Op. 6, No. 12 in B minor

Haydn / Trumpet Concerto
Shostakovich (arr. Barshai) / Chamber Symphony Op. 110a

April 23, 2010

Stewart Goodyear, piano

Strauss / Capriccio: Sextet

Hummel / Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 85

Schubert / Symphony No. 9 'The Great'

Subscription tickets are now on sale for the indoor season, single tickets go on sale September 8, 2009. For more information, please contact the WCO offices at 257-0638.

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