



St. Olaf Orchestra Brings Music to Madison on October 12

*Tour includes performances throughout the Midwest; orchestra to perform
Mahler's Symphony No. 1*

Madison, WI - The St. Olaf Orchestra, conducted by Steven Amundson, will perform in Middleton at the Middleton Performing Arts Center on Saturday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m. with members of the Middleton High School Symphony as part of its 2019 national tour. Madison natives and St. Olaf College students Ben Homan, viola, and Nathaniel Johnson, violin, play in the orchestra.

The concert is *free for all students* and \$10 for adults. A discount is available for groups of 10 or more. Tickets may be purchased at stolaf.edu/tickets.

Named “one of the best college orchestras in the nation” by *Time* magazine’s Richard Ostling, the St. Olaf Orchestra is known for its passionate music-making and professional-level performances. The orchestra’s fall tour program will feature Mahler’s *Symphony No. 1 in D Major* and other selections.

“Touring with the St. Olaf Orchestra is a great and long tradition,” says conductor Steven Amundson. “It gives the students and me a chance to experience a progressively deeper and richer musical experience each day of our journey. The orchestra understands that some of the most valuable qualities of a fantastic performance are found not only in a high level of excellence, but also in seeking a transformative musical experience.”

The St. Olaf Orchestra was recently named the winner of the 2018/2019 American Prize for Orchestra Performance among colleges and universities for the second time. In 2019, the St. Olaf Orchestra made their Carnegie Hall debut, performing with world-renowned violinist, Sarah Chang. In addition to performing throughout the United States, the orchestra has been broadcast on PBS and public radio stations nationwide as part of the acclaimed St. Olaf Christmas Festival. The St. Olaf Orchestra has toured internationally in , Austria, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Switzerland, Spain, China, Uruguay, and Argentina. Most recently, they traveled to Norway in the spring of 2019 on a joint tour with the St. Olaf Choir.

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Images, video, and interviews available upon request.





ST. OLAF ORCHESTRA

STEVEN AMUNDSON • CONDUCTOR

Saturday, October 12, 7:30 p.m.

Middleton, Wisconsin

Middleton Performing Arts Center
With members of the Middleton High School
Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, October 13, 4 p.m.

Naperville, Illinois

Wentz Hall at North Central College
With the Waubonsie Valley Combined
Chamber-Level Orchestras

Monday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.

Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Stevens Point Area Senior High School

Tuesday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.

Elgin, Illinois

Blizzard Theater at Elgin Community College

Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.

DeKalb, Illinois

DeKalb High School

Thursday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.

Carmel, Indiana

The Palladium at the Center for the
Performing Arts
With the New World Youth Symphony
Orchestra

Friday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Whitefish Bay High School

Saturday, October 19, 7 p.m.

Coralville, Iowa

Coralville Center for the Performing Arts

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About Steven Amundson

Steven Amundson joined the music faculty at St. Olaf College in the fall of 1981. Under Amundson's direction, the St. Olaf Orchestra has become recognized as one of the finest undergraduate orchestras in the United States. In addition to his duties as conductor of the St. Olaf Orchestra, he teaches courses in conducting, aural skills, and music theory and is an active, commissioned composer.

About St. Olaf College

St. Olaf College, one of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges, offers a distinctive education grounded in a rigorous academic program, a vital residential community of learners, a commitment to global engagement that fosters broadened worldviews, and a vibrant faith tradition that encourages reflection and honors different perspectives. St. Olaf graduates are fully prepared to make a meaningful difference in a changing world.

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