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## **MIDDLETON HOLIDAY POPS KICKS OFF HOLIDAY SEASON**

Join the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra (WCO) as they kick-off the 2007 holiday season with its annual **Middleton Holiday Pops** performances on Saturday, November 24 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, November 25 at 1 p.m. Kathy Cowan, an Irish folksinger, will join Music Director Andrew Sewell and the musicians of the WCO at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton for a festive program that will include Krogstad's *Christmas Snow*, Anderson's *Irish Suite* and *A Christmas Festival*, and Yon's *Gesu Bambino*. The concert will also feature the Middleton High School Concert Choir, directed by Tom Mielke.

Ms. Cowan will be making her second appearance with the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra and her fifth appearance with conductor Andrew Sewell. She has been the featured soloist with several orchestras, including the Milwaukee Symphony, Buffalo and Calgary Philharmonic Orchestras, Toledo and Colorado Symphony Orchestras and was the featured guest artist with the Paul Winter Consort. In addition, Ms. Cowan was featured on the Millennium Stage of the Kennedy Center. Kathy Cowan's work "In the Deep Heart's Core", a cabaret of the life and work of William Butler Yeats, received unanimous acclaim for its "raw, crackling energy", her "luminous presence", and her "deep affinity for her material". Ms. Cowan has several recordings available - "In the Deep Heart's Core", songs from the poetry of William Butler Yeats; "The Red-Haired Man's Wife", a collection of Irish folk songs; and "A Kiltartan Road Christmas", a fresh, eclectic collection of music for the season.

Seating for the two Holiday Pops concerts is available in three sections: Premier Tables, Cabaret Tables and Theater-Style Seating. On Saturday, **Premier Table** patrons will enjoy a pre-concert champagne welcome and dinner with choice of marinated pork loin, salmon or portabella mushroom stack. On Sunday, **Premier Table** patrons will be treated to a delightful brunch menu including choice of eggs Benedict, French toast or quiche Florentine. Premier table patrons also receive company logo recognition in the concert program, at the table and on the large video screen before the performance. Premier Tables seat eight and can be reserved for \$1,000 on Saturday and \$500 on Sunday.

**Cabaret Tables** include very fine seating and delectable desserts (on Saturday) or pastries (on Sunday) provided by Hubbard Avenue Diner in Middleton. Cabaret Tables seat four and can be reserved for \$150 on Saturday and \$150 on Sunday. Cabaret and Premier Tables can be reserved by calling the WCO office at 608-257-0638.

**Theater-style seating** is also available for both performances. Tickets for these reserved seats are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors (62+), \$15 for students (18-22 with valid student ID) and \$8 for youth (6-17). Theater-style tickets may be purchased by calling the Overture Center Box Office at 608-258-4141 or by visiting [www.overturecenter.com](http://www.overturecenter.com). For more information about this or any WCO performance, please visit [www.wcoconcerts.org](http://www.wcoconcerts.org).

Middleton Holiday Pops is sponsored by the Middleton Tourism Commission. Start off your holiday season with music and make the Middleton Holiday Pops part of your Thanksgiving weekend tradition!

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