2023 State Capitol Ornament highlights 40th year of 'Concerts on the Square"

This year, the 2023 Wisconsin Capitol Ornament will make its debut well ahead of the holiday shopping season.

The ornament is the result of a collaboration with the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra (WCO) as the organization celebrates the 40th Anniversary of Concerts on the Square®.

The ornament features the distinctive setting of the Capitol grounds at sunset for the WCO's iconic summer concert series. It will be unveiled to coincide with the first of this season's Concerts on the Square® on June 29, 2023.

The 2023 ornament saluting the popular Madison music tradition will be for sale at the WCO's event merchandise tent at the six concerts on June 29, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26 and August 2 and later on the WCO's website: <u>wcoconcerts.org</u>. To see where the merchandise tent is located, visit <u>wcoconcerts.org/wayfinding</u>.

The Capitol Ornament program, which began in 2004, is supported by the Wisconsin Historical Foundation. A volunteer committee coordinates the design and development of the ornament each year.

Proceeds from the sale of the ornament go to the Capitol Restoration Fund. Projects utilizing those funds have included the visitor's viewing deck which overlooks the rotunda.

Priced at \$20, the 2023 Capitol Ornament will also be available at its regular sales locations:

*The Capitol Tour Desk in the ground floor rotunda of the State Capitol

*The State Historical Society Gift Shop online

at wisconsinhistory.org/CapitolOrnament

*Gift Shop at Monona Terrace Convention Center, 1 John Nolen Drive, Madison *Orange Tree Imports, 1721 Monroe Street, Madison

*Tis the Season, 6333 University Avenue, Middleton

*The Bruce Company, 2830 Parmenter Street, Middleton

*Prairie Flowers by Hen & Chick, 245 E. Main Street, Sun Prairie

*Brennan's Market, 8210 Watts Road, Madison

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