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**Violins of Hope-Wisconsin Residency Culminates with Three Films,
Conversation with Emmy-Winning Documentary Director**

Milwaukee, WI — The *Violins of Hope–Wisconsin* residency, presented by the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO), culminates with three films in January, offering audiences an opportunity to engage with Holocaust history.

The series features *A Train Near Magdeburg*, and conversation with director Mike Edwards, on January 24 at Pitman Theater at Alverno College. The documentary tells the story of American soldiers who rescued 2,500 prisoners on a Nazi train in the last days of World War II.

“Stories like this remind us that even in moments of unimaginable darkness, acts of courage and decency still matter,” said Edwards, an Emmy Award-winner. “Being able to share this film in person, as part of *Violins of Hope-Wisconsin*, is deeply meaningful.”

The other films are *Winter Journey*, on January 9 at the Milwaukee Public Museum, and *Footsteps of My Father*, on January 13 at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield.

Winter Journey was inspired by Martin Goldsmith’s memoir, *The Inextinguishable Symphony: A True Story of Music and Love in Nazi Germany*. Goldsmith and violinist Eugene Drucker, a founding member of the acclaimed Emerson String Quartet, will take part in a question-and-answer session after the film.

The documentary *Footsteps of My Father* tells the story of Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds, who stood up to his German captors to protect 200 Jewish-American prisoners of war.

The *Violins of Hope-Wisconsin* residency features Holocaust-era instruments in performances and educational programs across Wisconsin.

For tickets and details on the films, please visit <https://violinsofhopewisconsin.org/film-series/>

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