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Trumpeter Andrew Balio and Organist Bruce Bengtson Perform at Hillsdale College

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Principal Trumpet at the Baltimore Symphony and Founder of the Future Symphony Institute Andrew Balio and organist Bruce Bengtson performed at Hillsdale College on September 9. The performance, which included original transcriptions of J.S. Bach, was held in Christ Chapel and attended by Hillsdale College students, faculty, and staff members, along with members of the local community.

“Andrew Balio is one of those rare musicians who can match superhuman agility with the most effortless grace and wonderful tone,” said Daniel Tacke, chair of the Hillsdale College music department. “Together with Bruce Bengtson’s delightful, vibrant organ playing, this performance was certainly one of the highlights of the year for us.”

Balio has served as the principal trumpet of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra since 2001. He is the founder of the Future Symphony Institute, an independent, nonpartisan, and nonprofit think tank dedicated to classical music. The mission of the Future Symphony Institute is to form a strategy for the renaissance of live classical music and to create freely available programs for everyone.

Bengtson, who recently retired after 40 years of service as director of music at Luther Memorial Church in Madison, Wisconsin, plays concerts and accompaniments all around the world, including Mexico, Canada, and Europe. He is active in the Organ Historical Society, Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and the American Guild of Organists.

To learn more about Balio, click [here](#). To learn more about Bengtson, click [here](#).

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About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian, Christian liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its

classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 6.4 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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