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Illinois Council of Orchestras Announces Annual Awards

The Illinois Council of Orchestras is pleased to announce the 2023 recipients of its annual awards for excellence in the field of music performance and for support of musical organizations. An awards panel of judges drawn from the Illinois Council of Orchestras Board of Directors and independent professional conductors and musicians reviewed nominations representing orchestras, youth orchestras, and chamber ensembles from throughout Illinois.

The 2023 ICO Awards:

Professional Orchestra of the Year

Chicago Jazz Philharmonic

Orbert Davis, *Co-Founder & Artistic Director*

Community Orchestra of the Year

Chicago Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra

Russell Vinick, *Music Director*

Conductor of the Year (*professional orchestra*)

Orbert Davis, *Co-Founder & Artistic Director*

Chicago Jazz Philharmonic

Board President/Chair of the Year

Thomas O. Kuhns, *Chairman of the Board*

Music of the Baroque

Volunteer of the Year

Kathy Huff

The Hyde Park Youth Symphony

Programming of the Year

Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras

Allen Tinkham, *Music Director*

Community Relations of the Year

Quad City Symphony Orchestra

Mark Russell Smith, *Music Director*

Cultural Leadership Award

Presented in Memory of:

Terrance Malone Gray

Associate Conductor

Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras

The Illinois Council of Orchestras was founded in 1974 with a mission:

- to encourage, promote, and assist orchestras throughout the State of Illinois
- to promote an exchange of information among members, including providing consultants and speakers
- to hold educational conferences for member organizations, including musicians, staff, boards, volunteers, and audiences.

Presentation of the ICO Awards will take place during March through July 2023 to the winning orchestras.

Information about the Illinois Council of Orchestras is available at: www.ilcouncilorchestras.org



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