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## Illinois Council of Orchestras announces Annual Awards

The Illinois Council of Orchestras is pleased to announce the 2010 recipients of its annual awards for excellence in the field of music performance and for support of musical organizations. An awards panel that included judges from the Illinois Council of Orchestras and from outside arts organizations reviewed nominations representing orchestras, youth orchestras, and chamber ensembles from across Illinois.

This year's awards:

Cultural Leadership Award	<b>Alan Heatherington</b> (Libertyville) Music Director of Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra Music Director and Conductor of the Lake Forest Symphony Orchestra
Professional Orchestra of the Year	<b>Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra</b> (Park Forest)
Community Orchestra of the Year	<b>Evanston Symphony Orchestra</b> (Evanston)
Youth Orchestra of the Year	<b>Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras</b> (Chicago)
Conductor of the Year Professional Orchestra	<b>Bruce Polay</b> (Galesburg) Artistic Director/Conductor of the Knox-Galesburg Symphony
Conductor of the Year Small Orchestra	<b>Russell Vinick</b> (Chicago) Music Director and Conductor of the Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra
Programming of the Year	<b>Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra</b> (Elmhurst)
Community Relations of the Year	<b>Illinois Symphony Orchestra</b> (Springfield)
Board President of the Year	<b>John Schladweiler</b> (Chicago) Board President of the 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, staffs, boards, volunteers and audiences.

Presentation of the ICO Awards will take place during March through July 2010 at local concerts and other events of the winning orchestras.

Information about the Illinois Council of Orchestras  
is available at [www.ilcouncilorchestras.org](http://www.ilcouncilorchestras.org)



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