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### Illinois Council of Orchestras Announces Annual Awards

The Illinois Council of Orchestras is pleased to announce the 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 musicians reviewed nominations representing orchestras, youth orchestras, and chamber ensembles from throughout Illinois.

### 2023-24 ICO Award Winners:

<b>Board President of the Year:</b>	<b>Lindsay Brown,</b> Lakeview Orchestra
<b>Community Relations of the Year:</b>	<b>Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra</b>
<b>Conductor of the Year (Community):</b>	<b>Russell Vinick,</b> Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra
<b>Conductor of the Year (Professional):</b>	<b>Chad Goodman,</b> Elgin Symphony Orchestra
<b>Executive Director of the Year:</b>	<b>Robert Pileckis,</b> Schaumburg Youth Orchestra <b>Artemis Chamber Orchestra</b>
<b>Orchestra of the Year (Chamber Orchestra):</b>	
<b>Orchestra of the Year (Community Orchestra):</b>	<b>Lakeview Orchestra</b>
<b>Orchestra of the Year (Youth Orchestra):</b>	<b>Midwest Philharmonic Orchestra</b>
<b>Orchestra of the Year (Professional Orchestra):</b>	<b>Elgin Symphony Orchestra</b>
<b>Programming of the Year:</b>	<b>Chicago Philharmonic</b>
<b>Volunteer of the Year:</b>	<b>Cheryl Flinn,</b> Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest
<b>Guild of the Year:</b>	<b>Illinois Symphony Orchestra Guild</b>

### 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 September 2025 through June 2026 to the winning orchestras.

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