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Illinois Council of Orchestras Announces Annual Awards

The Illinois Council of Orchestras is pleased to announce the 2019 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 2019 ICO Awards:

Professional Orchestra of the Year

Lake Forest Symphony
Vladimir Kulenovic, *Music Director*

Community Orchestra of the Year

Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra
Russell Vinick, *Music Director and Conductor*

Youth Orchestra of the Year

Midwest Young Artists Conservatory
Allan Dennis, *Founder and Director*

Conductor of the Year (professional orchestra category)

Vladimir Kulenovic, *Music Director*
Lake Forest Symphony

Conductor of the Year (youth orchestra category)

Allen Tinkham, *Music Director*
Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras

Board President of the Year

Ann Tucker, *President*
Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra

Programming of the Year

Chicago Philharmonic
Scott Speck, *Artistic Director*

Community Relations of the Year

Chicago Philharmonic
Scott Speck, *Artistic Director*

Volunteer of the Year

Cheryl Flinn
The Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest

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 2019 at local concerts and other events of the winning orchestras.

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



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