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Illinois Council of Orchestras Announces Annual Awards

The Illinois Council of Orchestras is pleased to announce the 2022 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 2022 ICO Awards:

Professional Orchestra of the Year

Quad City Symphony Orchestra
Mark Russell Smith, *Music Director*

Community Orchestra of the Year

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
Stephen Alltop, *Music Director*

Youth Orchestra of the Year

Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras
Allen Tinkham, *Music Director*

Conductor of the Year (*professional orchestra*)

Stephen Alltop, *Music Director*
Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra

Conductor of the Year (*community/small orchestra*)

Matthew Sheppard, *Artistic Director*
Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra

Executive Director of the Year

Christina Salerno, *Executive Director*
Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra

Programming of the Year

Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra
Matthew Sheppard, *Artistic Director*

Guild of the Year

Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra
Stephen Alltop, *Music Director*

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 2022 to the winning orchestras.

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



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