



DUPAGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



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KEVAN KOSOBAYASHI RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE FROM NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF BOTH THE ELSIE EKSTEIN PRIZE AND GEORGE PATTERSON OWEN AWARD AND WAS SELECTED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN PI KAPPA LAMBDA, THE NATIONAL HONORARY MUSIC FRATERNITY. HIS MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IS IN MUSIC EDUCATION FROM TEACHERS COLLEGE-COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK CITY. MR. KOSOBAYASHI IS CURRENTLY ONE OF THREE ORCHESTRA DIRECTORS AT NEUQUA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL IN NAPERVILLE, WHERE HE LEADS THE SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA AND CHAMBER STRINGS (THE CAPSTONE-LEVEL ENSEMBLE), TEACHES TECHNIQUE CLASSES FOR TWO OF THE THREE FRESHMAN-LEVEL ORCHESTRAS, CO-DIRECTS THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR NEUQUA VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, AND SERVES AS THE TRI-M FACULTY ADVISOR.

PRIOR TO NEUQUA VALLEY, HE TAUGHT ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL STRINGS AT THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN JAPAN (TOKYO) FROM 2008 TO 2015, AND FOR THE TEN YEARS PRIOR HE LEAD THE ORCHESTRA PROGRAMS AT HOFFMAN ESTATES AND SCHAUMBURG HIGH SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT 211, AND BUFFALO GROVE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 214 WHERE HE WAS THE 2006 PRINCIPAL'S AWARD RECIPIENT. HIS PAST CONDUCTING DUTIES ALSO INCLUDE LEADING THE DISTRICT 214 HONORS ORCHESTRA AND THE SCHAUMBURG YOUTH ORCHESTRA'S CHAMBER STRINGS, IN ADDITION TO SERVING AS THE ORCHESTRA RESOURCE TEACHER FOR DISTRICT 214.

MR. KOSOBAYASHI HAS SERVED AS GUEST CONDUCTOR OF THE ILMEA DISTRICT 1 JUNIOR ORCHESTRA, AND TWO OF HIS ENSEMBLES HAVE PERFORMED AT THE ILLINOIS MUSIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE (BUFFALO GROVE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN 2006 AND NEUQUA VALLEY CHAMBER STRINGS IN 2017). HE HAS BEEN A FACULTY MEMBER OF THE OPUS CHAMBER MUSIC CAMP AND CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE STRING TECHNIQUES INSTRUCTOR FOR UNDERGRADUATE MUSIC EDUCATION MAJORS AT NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE IN NAPERVILLE. MR. KOSOBAYASHI, HIS WIFE, AND HIS DAUGHTER LIVE IN NAPERVILLE.