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Illinois Council of Orchestras Announces Annual Awards

The Illinois Council of Orchestras is pleased to announce the 2021 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 2021 ICO Awards:

Professional Orchestra of the Year	Music of the Baroque Dame Jane Glover, <i>Music Director</i>
Community Orchestra of the Year	DuPage Symphony Orchestra Barbara Schubert, <i>Music Director</i>
Youth Orchestra of the Year	Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra Matthew Sheppard, <i>Artistic Director</i>
Conductor of the Year (professional orchestra)	Scott Speck, <i>Artistic Director</i> Chicago Philharmonic
Conductor of the Year (community/small orchestra)	Taka Matsunaga, <i>Music Director</i> Midwest Philharmonic Orchestra
Conductor of the Year (college/university orchestra)	Emanuele Andrizzi, <i>Principal Conductor</i> Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University
Executive Director of the Year	Declan McGovern, <i>Executive Director</i> Music of the Baroque
Programming of the Year	Waukegan Symphony Orchestra Alexander Platt, <i>Music Director</i>
Community Relations of the Year	The Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest Jay Friedman, <i>Music Director</i>
Volunteer of the Year	Marjorie Stinespring Music of the Baroque
Honorable Mention, Volunteer of the Year <i>Awarded Posthumously</i>	Mary Moutvic Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra

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 virtually during March through July 2021 to the winning orchestras.

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



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