



MISSION

- To advocate for and to promote the development and success of Illinois orchestras and to respond to their needs;
- To promote an exchange of ideas and resources among members;
- To provide a system of communication to meet mutual needs and concerns;
- To encourage financial support for orchestras from all possible sources;
- To sponsor educational conferences, workshops, and other activities for the betterment of member orchestras.

Membership is open to orchestras of all sizes, symphony leagues and guilds, youth orchestras, festivals, and individuals.

ICO is governed by a Board of Directors who hail from arts organizations and businesses all over the state.

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Since 1974, the Illinois Council of Orchestras (ICO) has served as the statewide advocacy and service organization for the orchestral community in Illinois.

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Peoria Symphony Orchestra (2013 Professional Orchestra of the Year) being conducted by founder Harold Plowe circa 1917.

AWARDS

Each year the ICO conducts an awards program to recognize orchestras, conductors, and volunteers that have demonstrated exceptional achievement. These highly sought-after awards provide local and statewide recognition to both individuals and their organizations. An independent panel of judges reviews materials in March, and awards are announced in late March.

The ICO awards have included the following categories:

- Cultural Leadership Award
- Orchestra of the Year (multiple levels)
- Conductor of the Year (multiple levels)
- Board President of the Year
- Executive Director/General Manager of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Programming of the Year
- Community Relations of the Year
- Guild of the Year
- Marketing Program of the Year
- Education Programming of the Year

Access applications online at www.ilcouncilorchestras.org

Applications are due February 1st of the year

JOIN THE COUNCIL

The Illinois Council of Orchestras is an active, supportive community of managers, conductors, musicians, educators, and volunteers joined by a shared passion for classical and orchestral music. For over 45 years, the Illinois Council of Orchestras has been the premier service organization dedicated to serving the needs and influencing the success of orchestras in Illinois. We invite you to join our network and reap the rewards of membership.

Membership Benefits Include:

- ICO E-Newsletter Subscription;
- Reduced rates at ICO conferences and events;
- Access to the members-only services such as consulting opportunities and the Conductor Mentoring program;
- Ability to advertise job vacancy announcements for free on our website;
- Eligibility for the Annual Awards;
- Access to all ICO programs and services (Awards, Conductor Mentoring, Conferences, Consultants, MusicShare, Program Notes, etc.);
- Inclusion in and access to the Directory of Members.

Join today!

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TOWN HALLS

Throughout the season, the ICO hosts Town Hall meetings on a variety of topics

Join your peers from across Illinois and beyond to discuss new ideas, current issues, and to stay connected with the community.

Recent topics have included:

- *What does "Public Relations" really mean?*
- *The Latest on Artistic Planning*
- *The Latest on Individual Giving Campaigns: What's resonating, what's changed, and the evolution of events and donor stewardship*

Town Halls are free to all ICO Member organizations's staff, musicians, board members and volunteers.

All Town Halls take place on Zoom unless otherwise noted.

If you have suggestions for topics you'd like to see discussed, please fill out the online form or email us at info@ilcouncilorchestras.org

