

**Awards History of the
Illinois Council of Orchestras**

Orchestra of the Year (Professional, 2001 to present)

2010	Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra
2009	New Philharmonic
2008	Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra
2007	Rockford Symphony Orchestra
2006	Lake Forest Symphony Orchestra
2005	Elgin Symphony Orchestra
2004	No award
2003	Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra
2002	Symphony II
2001	Grant Park Symphony Orchestra and Chorus
2000	Park Ridge Civic Orchestra
1999	Elgin Symphony Orchestra
1998	Knox-Galesburg Symphony Orchestra
1997	Northbrook Symphony Orchestra
1996	Evanston Symphony Orchestra
1995	Music of the Baroque
1994	Lake Forest Symphony Orchestra
1993	Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra
1992	Rockford Symphony Orchestra
1991	Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra
1990	Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO Centennial Year)
1989	Chicago Chamber Orchestra
1988	Elgin Symphony Orchestra
1987	Peoria Symphony Orchestra
1986	Knox-Galesburg Symphony Orchestra
1985	Springfield Symphony Orchestra
1984	Grant Park Symphony Orchestra
1983	Springfield Symphony Orchestra
1982	Danville Symphony Orchestra
1981	Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
1980	Belleville Philharmonic Society

Community Orchestra of the Year

2010	Evanston Symphony Orchestra
2009	Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra
2008	Knox-Galesburg Symphony
2007	DuPage Symphony Orchestra
2006	Northbrook Symphony Orchestra
2005	Northwest Symphony Orchestra
2004	Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest
2003	Evanston Symphony Orchestra
2002	Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
2001	Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra
2000	North Shore Chamber Orchestra

Youth Orchestra of the Year

2010	Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras
2009	Midwest Young Artists
2008	Schaumburg Youth Orchestra
2007	Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra
2006	West Suburban Youth Orchestra
2005	No award
2004	Chicago Youth Symphony
2003	Midwest Young Artists
2002	Metropolis Youth Symphony
2001	Schaumburg Youth Orchestra
2000	Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra
1999	East Central Illinois Youth Orchestra
1998	Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra
1997	Midwest Young Artists
1996	No award
1995	McHenry County Youth Orchestra

Chamber Ensemble of the Year

2010	No award
2009	No award (please refer to “Special Awards” below)
2008	No award
2007	Chicago Chamber Musicians
2006	No award
2005	Midwest Young Artists
2004	Salt Creek Sinfonietta
2003	No award
2002	Baroque Artists of Champaign-Urbana
2001	Zion Chamber Orchestra
2000	Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra
1999	Midwest Young Artists
1998	The Prairie Ensemble
1997	McHenry County Youth Orchestra
1995	Woodstock Mozart Festival

Conductor of the Year (Professional and Small Orchestra categories since 2004)

2010	Russell Vinick, Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra (small orchestra category)
2010	Pruce Polay, Knox-Galesburg Symphony (professional category)
2009	Robert Hanson, Elgin Symphony Orchestra (professional category)
2009	Linc Smelser, Kishwaukee Symphony (small orchestra category)
2008	Randal Swiggum, Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra (small orchestra category)
2007	Lawrence Eckerling, Evanston Symphony Orchestra (small orchestra category)
2006	Steven Larsen, Rockford Symphony Orchestra (professional category)
2006	Paul Vermel, Northwest Symphony Orchestra (small orchestra category)
2005	Alan Heatherington, Lake Forest Symphony and Ars Viva Symphony (professional category)
2005	Edward Benyas, Chicago Chamber Orchestra and Southern IL Symphony Orchestra (small orchestra category)
2004	Harold Bauer, New Philharmonic (professional category)
2004	Bruce Polay, Knox-Galesburg Symphony (small orchestra category)

- 2003 Barbara Schubert, DuPage Symphony Orchestra
- 2002 Edgar Muenzer, Park Ridge Civic Orchestra
- 2001 Robert Hanson, Elgin Symphony Orchestra, and
Allan Dennis, Midwest Young Artists
- 2000 Jay Friedman, Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest
- 1999 Steven Larsen, Rockford Symphony Orchestra
- 1998 Samuel Magad, Northbrook Symphony Orchestra
- 1997 Bruce Polay, Knox-Galesburg Symphony Orchestra
- 1995 Carmon DeLeone, Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra

Board President of the Year

- 2010 John Schladweiler, Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras
- 2009 Penelope Sachs, Evanston Symphony Orchestra
- 2008 no award
- 2007 Diane Macewicz, Northwest Symphony Orchestra
- 2006 Louise Sullivan, Elgin Symphony Orchestra
- 2005 Robert B. Clark, Knox-Galesburg Symphony Orchestra
- 2004 Kelly Brest van Kempen, Evanston Symphony Orchestra
- 2003 Gene Bahls, Kankakee Valley Symphony
- 2002 John Totten, Elgin Symphony Orchestra

General Manager of the Year

- 2010 No award
- 2009 Brian Ritter, Rockford Symphony Orchestra
- 2008 Jane Polett, Quincy Symphony Orchestra
- 2007 Pearl Strickland, Executive Director, Knox-Galesburg Symphony
- 2006 Michael Pastreich, Executive Director, Elgin Symphony Orchestra
- 2005 No award
- 2004 Beth Hoover Gavriel, Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest
- 2003 Justine Burlson, Senior Suburban Orchestra
- 2001 Lynn Klingler, Classical Symphony Orchestra
- 2000 Pearl Strickland, Knox-Galesburg Symphony
- 1999 J. C. Wacholz, Northbrook Symphony Orchestra
- 1998 Jeannette Kreston, Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra
- 1997 Kevin Hagen, Illinois Symphony Orchestra

Volunteer of the Year

- 2010 No award
- 2009 Joyce McFarland Dlugopolski, Elgin Symphony Orchestra
- 2008 Walter Wolodkin, Northwest Symphony Orchestra
- 2007 no award
- 2006 Julie Westbrook, Evanston Symphony Orchestra
- 2005 Gilbert R. Demange, Salt Creek Sinfonietta
- 2004 Rita Gentry, Champaign-Urbana Symphony
- 2003 William Simpson, Illinois Symphony Orchestra
- 2002 James Bataille, Northwest Symphony Orchestra
- 2001 Paul Keser, Knox-Galesburg Symphony Orchestra
- 2000 Barbara Bowermaster, Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra
- 1999 Sandra Loveland, Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra

- 1998 Midwest Young Artists
- 1997 John Hayes, Illinois Symphony Orchestra
- 1994 Ray Pensinger and Elizabeth Wester, Woodstock Mozart Festival
- 1990 Edward and Pearl Brody, Elgin Symphony Orchestra, and
Lorene Dettlehouser, Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra

Guild of the Year

- 2010 No award
- 2009 Midwest Young Artists Parent Volunteer Organization
- 2008 The Guild of the Champaign-Urbana Symphony
- 2007 Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Women's Board
- 2006 Lake Forest Symphony Association
- 2005 No award
- 2004 No award
- 2003 No award
- 2002 No award
- 2001 No award
- 2000 No award
- 1999 Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Guild
- 1998 Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra Guild (Frank Beaman)
- 1997 Danville Symphony Orchestra Guild

Contributor of the Year (Discontinued)

- 2001 Ralph Bowermaster, Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra; and
Wells Fargo Bank and Knox College, Galesburg Symphony Orchestra
- 2000 Maytag Corporation, Knox-Galesburg Symphony Orchestra
- 1999 Granger Cook, Lake Forest Symphony
- 1998 Kraft Foods, Inc., Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra
- 1997 First Chicago Bank of Park Ridge, Park Ridge Civic Orchestra
- 1995 Maytag Corporation, Knox-Galesburg Symphony
- 1994 Richard and Roseann Noel, Sinfonia da Camera
- 1991 Maytag Corporation, Knox-Galesburg Symphony Orchestra
- 1991 Mitchell Brothers Realty, Evanston Symphony Orchestra

Programming of the Year

- 2010 Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
- 2009 No award
- 2008 Rockford Symphony Orchestra
- 2007 Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras
- 2006 Knox-Galesburg Symphony Orchestra
- 2005 Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra
- 2004 The Prairie Ensemble
- 2003 Northwest Symphony Orchestra
- 2002 No award
- 2001 Metropolis Youth Symphony
- 2000 Northbrook Symphony Orchestra
- 1999 The Prairie Ensemble
- 1998 Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest
- 1997 Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
- 1996 Elgin Symphony Orchestra

Season Brochure of the Year (Discontinued)

2002	Champaign-Urbana Symphony
2001	Rockford Symphony Orchestra
2000	Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra
1999	Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra
1997	Lake Forest Symphony Orchestra
1995	Elgin Symphony Orchestra

Marketing Program of the Year (discontinued)

2000	Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra
1999	Music Institute of Chicago
1998	Evanston Symphony Orchestra
1997	Park Ridge Civic Orchestra
1996	Evanston Symphony orchestra

Community Relations of the Year

2010	Illinois Symphony Orchestra
2009	Southwest Symphony Orchestra
2008	no award
2007	Evanston Symphony Orchestra
2006	Senior Suburban Orchestra
2005	Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra
2004	Illinois Symphony Orchestra
2003	Knox-Galesburg Symphony Orchestra
2002	Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest
2001	Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra
2000	Lake Forest Symphony Orchestra
1999	Park Ridge Civic Orchestra
1998	McHenry County Youth Orchestra, and Evanston Symphony Orchestra
1997	Park Ridge Civic Orchestra

Cultural Leadership Award

2010	Alan Heatherington, Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra and the Lake Forest Symphony Orchestra
2009	No award
2008	Bruce Polay, Knox-Galesburg Symphony
2007	Walfrid Kujala
2006	No award
2005	No award
2004	Robert Hanson, Elgin Symphony Orchestra
2003	Jeanette Kreston, Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra

Special Awards

2010	Arts Leadership Award The Chicago Symphony Orchestra
2009	Honorable Mention, Volunteer of the Year Robert Clark, Knox-Galesburg Symphony
2009	Honorable Mention, Chamber Orchestra of the Year FullScore Chamber Orchestra
2008	Honorable Mention, Youth Orchestra of the Year Merit School of Music
2007	Special Recognition in Chamber Music Merit School of Music
2002	Festival Events of the Year Zion Chamber Orchestra

	Outreach Program of the Year	Ars Viva
2001	Festival Events of the Year	Salt Creek Sinfonietta
1999	Special Events of the Year	Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest
1998	Festival Events of the Year	Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University

Lifetime Achievement Award (Discontinued)

2002	Dieter Kober, Chicago Chamber Orchestra, 50 th Year Anniversary
	Frank York, Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony
	Harvey Treger, North Shore Chamber Orchestra