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Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Announces Music Director Search

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The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Board of Directors has announced its search for a new Music Director. Maestro David Danzmayr will remain with the orchestra through its 2015-2016 season but is in final negotiations for becoming the Music Director of the Zagreb Philharmonic Orchestra in Croatia.

During Maestro Danzmayr's three year tenure, the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra elevated its artistry and quality in critically acclaimed performances, in addition to extending its audience reach. The search committee will be working from a short list of excellent candidates. Initial screening and interviewing will be done this summer, with guest conductors making their appearance during the 2016-2017 season and the new Music Director in place for the 2017-2018 season.

"While this timeline may seem extended, this is typical of the orchestra conductor hiring process," commented Executive Director Eska Koester. "The IPO board and I have nothing but appreciation for Maestro Danzmayr, his gifted leadership and what he has brought to the orchestra over the past three years. We wish him well and look forward to what the future will bring."

A copy of the Music Director job description is available on the IPO website, ipomusic.org. Media inquiries should be directed to Executive Director Eska Koester at eska@ipomusic.org or 708.481.7774.

PHOTO CAPTION: Maestro David Danzmayr will remain with the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra through the 2015-2016 season; a Music Director search is currently underway with the goal of having a new conductor in place for the 2017-2018 season.



About the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra

The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra is one of the finest orchestras in the Great Lakes region. Under the leadership of acclaimed Austrian Music Director, David Danzmayr, the orchestra has garnered praise for its compelling performances and for being the only orchestra in the Midwest to perform a piece of American music on every concert it presents. The IPO is in residence at the Lincoln-Way North Performing Arts Center in Frankfort and also offers performances at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. More information on performances and events can be found at ipomusic.org.

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