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2023 Ruth D. and Ken M. Davee Excellence in the Arts Award

Honoring Henry Fogel



Tonight, Henry Fogel will receive IPO's Ruth D. and Ken M. Davee Excellence in the Arts Award, an honor bestowed periodically to honor

an individual, group, or organization whose exceptional commitment, vision, leadership, and achievements have resulted in major contributions to the arts and music. This is the most prestigious award given by the orchestra.

One of America's most esteemed performing arts administrators with a career dating back to 1963, Fogel has consulted for orchestras throughout the world, and his advice is frequently sought after for executive searches in the performing arts.

From 1985–2003, Fogel served as President of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. From 2003–2008 he served as President and CEO of the League of American Orchestras and spent the following year remaining with the League as a field consultant to orchestras. From 2009–2009 he served as Dean of the Chicago College of Performing

Arts at Roosevelt University, where he is now Dean Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of the Arts. He also founded a master's degree program in performing arts administration, which he still directs.

Prior leadership positions included Executive Director of the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington, DC; Orchestra Manager of the New York Philharmonic; and Program Director and Vice President of a full-time classical music commercial radio station: WONO in Syracuse, New York.

At various times, he has chaired the Boards of the Opera Theatre of Syracuse, the Syracuse Ballet Theatre, the League of American Orchestras, the Illinois Arts Alliance, and Cedille Chicago, and is Immediate Past President of the Chicago Opera Theatre. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the Avery Fisher Artist Program and serves on the Board of the Pierre Montoux School and Festival in Hancock, Maine.

IPO is honored to bestow this award to longtime IPO Artistic Consultant Henry Fogel.

“It is hard to imagine the present-day Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra and its recent artistic achievements without the guidance of Henry Fogel. More important for the criteria of the Ruth D. and Ken M. Davee Excellence in the Arts Award, it is hard to imagine the artistic achievements of organizations in Chicago, the United States, and orchestras world-wide without the contributions of Henry Fogel. Thank you, Henry. Congratulations on your award and on your life in the arts.”

– IPO Board Member / Artist Committee Chair, Charles Amenta, M.D.