



Dear Friends of the Southwest Symphony Orchestra -

I write this letter under a new title, *Music Director Emeritus*. Last year the Music Director Search

Committee selected three finalists from a pool of over 50 applicants who will vie for the position of SSO Music Director beginning with the 2025-2026 season. The orchestra welcomes Brian Dollinger, Ben Nadel and Silas Huff. Each are invited to guest-conduct a concert as part of the upcoming season - **Transitions: SSO's Diamond Jubilee**.

It has been a joy to be an integral part of the SSO's wonderful music making for half of their 60 years. I will cherish working with such fine musicians, who moving forward will continue a tradition of excellence. A word of appreciation goes out to our loyal audience and fabulous Board of Directors who have supported my tenure with the orchestra.

During the transition, I will serve by conducting the educational concert, holiday concerts and final concert in May. In closing, a quote by Roy Ayers comes to mind. "The true beauty of music is that it connects people. It carries a message, and we, the musicians, are the messengers". Join me in celebrating the orchestra's 60th season - **Transitions: SSO's Diamond Jubilee**.

Best wishes,

David Crane
Music Director Emeritus
Southwest Symphony Orchestra



EDUCATIONAL CONCERT

Wednesday
October 23, 2024
9:30 AM

THE MAGIC OF DISNEY

Pirates of the Caribbean
Disney Film Favorites
Frozen
Moana
Disney on Parade
I Wan'na Be Like You
Berceuse and Finale from Firebird

Plus an introduction to the families of instruments.

Ozinga Chapel - Trinity Christian College

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SOUTHWEST
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Transitions: SSO's Diamond Jubilee

DAVID L. CRANE,
Music Director Emeritus

2024 ICO Conductor of the Year
(Community)

Marquise: Power, Passion & Grace
November 10th, 2024

Holiday Joy
December 13th & 15th, 2024

Radiant: Celebrate 60!
March 2nd, 2025

Baguette: April in Paris
April 6th, 2025

Emerald: Cross Keys and Tchaikovsky
May 10th, 2025

2024-2025 SEASON

Transitions: SSO's Diamond Jubilee

2024-2025 Season



Brian Dollinger



Dr. Brian Gaona

NOVEMBER 10, 2024 | 4:00 P.M.

MARQUISE: POWER, PASSION & GRACE

Brian Dollinger, Guest Conductor

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| Coriolan Overture | Beethoven |
| Cello Concerto in A minor | Schumann |
| <i>Dr. Brian Gaona, SSO principal cello</i> | |
| Carmen Suite No. 1 | Bizet |
| Symphony No. 1 in C minor | Brahms |

DECEMBER 13, 2024 (Friday) | 7:30 P.M.

HOLIDAY JOY at St. Stephen Church

17500 84th Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60487

Music Ministries and Moraine Chorale

DECEMBER 15, 2024 (Sunday) | 4:00 P.M.

HOLIDAY JOY at St. Elizabeth Seton Church

9300 167th St., Orland Hills, IL 60487

Music Ministries and Moraine Chorale

MARCH 2, 2025 | 4:00 P.M.

RADIANT: CELEBRATE 60!

Ben Nadel, Guest Conductor

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| Festive Overture in A major | Shostakovich |
| Symphony No. 8 in B minor, Mvt 1 | Schubert |
| Mars from "The Planets" | Holst |
| Andante and Hungarian Rondo | von Weber |
| <i>Mark Lindeblad, SSO principal bassoon</i> | |
| Navarraise from "Le Cid" Ballet Suite | Massenet |
| Symphony No. 8 in G major | Dvorak |



Ben Nadel



Mark Lindeblad



Dr. Silas Huff



Ian Fitzwater

APRIL 6, 2025 | 4:00 P.M.

BAGUETTE: APRIL IN PARIS

Dr. Silas Huff, Guest Conductor

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| Fete Polonaise | Chabrier |
| D'un Matin du Printemps | Lili Boulanger |
| D'un Soir Triste | Lili Boulanger |
| Trombone Concertino | David |
| <i>Ian Fitzwater, SSO principal trombone</i> | |
| Pictures at an Exhibition | Mussorgsky/Ravel |

MAY 10, 2025 | 7:30 P.M.

EMERALD: CROSS KEYS AND TCHAIKOVSKY

David Crane, Music Director Emeritus

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| Bugler's Holiday | Anderson |
| Cole Porter Salute | |
| Irish Suite | Anderson |
| <i>Cross Keys Irish Dancers</i> | |
| Symphony No. 4 | Tchaikovsky |



Cross Keys Irish Dancers



All concerts at Trinity Christian College
Ozinga Chapel Auditorium unless otherwise noted.
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