

**RUSSELL STEINBERG, CONDUCTOR OF LOS ANGELES YOUTH
ORCHESTRA,
NAMED ONE OF THE ‘TOP 30 PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR’ BY
MUSICAL AMERICA**

Los Angeles, Calif. (February 3, 2025) – Musical America, a magazine established in 1898 and the oldest American trade covering classical music, named **Russell Steinberg, PhD**, as one of the Top 30 Professionals of the Year. Announced in early January, the designation recognizes those who are “educating and building future audiences, managing artists and arts groups, raising funds – an impressive group nominated by their peers and chosen by the editors.”

Steinberg has been the Founder, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Los Angeles Youth Orchestra, based in Encino, CA, for a quarter of a century. He is a composer with a Ph.D in music from Harvard University, where he studied with Leon Kirchner. The Youth Orchestra has up to 120 members from 8-18 years old – divided between intermediate and advanced orchestras – who participate in Sunday rehearsals at the Encino Community Center from all over Los Angeles County. Besides performing locally, the Orchestra has gone on tour to Carnegie Hall twice, and traveled to Italy, and two times to Vienna and Prague to perform with youth orchestras there and get steeped in the history of the Masters.

Los Angeles Youth Orchestra presents seasonal concerts each year, and the Musical America profile on Steinberg focuses on its Fall, 2024, presentation of Shostakovich’s complex and challenging Symphony No.5. Although the “(young) players are still mastering technique, they can create an interpretation just as convincing as that of a professional orchestra,” Steinberg believes. “Because I have the students for a whole semester, I have the luxury of getting the music into their bones – talking about the political context of the piece and trying out different ideas. I want them to know that each of their parts is telling a story.” Steinberg’s dedication to his young students secured his spot in this year’s Musical America roster.

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Los Angeles Youth Orchestra will celebrate the finale of its 25th Anniversary at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, CA, on Monday, March 31, 2025. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW: losangelesyouthorchestra.org/concerts/

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