

# The Cleveland Women's Orchestra

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## **THE CLEVELAND WOMEN'S ORCHESTRA SELECTS A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR**

The Cleveland Women's Orchestra is extremely pleased to announce its selection of Dr. Jungho Kim as its new Music Director. Following the death in 2018 of its Music Director of 28 years, Robert Cronquist, the CWO mounted a yearlong search for a new leader. John Thomas Dodson assisted the orchestra during the transition period by serving as Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor for the interim period between the death of Maestro Cronquist and the appointment of Dr. Kim. Dr. Kim will be the orchestra's third Music Director.

Dr. Kim has extensive conducting experience across North America, Asia and Europe including the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in NY, National Arts Centre Orchestra in Canada, Omaha Symphony Orchestra in Nebraska, Dohnanyi Orchestra Budafok and Savaria Symphony Orchestra in Hungary, as well as North Czech Philharmonic in the Czech Republic. In 2004, he was the Assistant Conductor of the Lucca Opera Festival in Lucca, Italy. While pursuing a doctoral degree in Orchestra Conducting at the Eastman School of Music, he simultaneously served as the Assistant Conductor of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Dr. Kim is currently the Director of Orchestra and Assistant Professor at the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music at Kent State University.

The Cleveland Women's Orchestra was founded in 1935 by Hyman Schandler, a Cleveland Orchestra member, to provide women musicians performance opportunities – since women were generally not accepted into symphony orchestras. Robert Cronquist became the orchestra's second Music Director in 1990 following the death of Maestro Schandler. Dr. Kim will be only the third Music Director in the orchestra's 88-year history.

As an historic orchestra – the oldest women's orchestra in existence – we look forward to new leadership with Dr. Kim and an exciting future of continuing to provide creative programs to the greater Cleveland community.

Dr. Jungho Kim will assume the responsibilities of Music Director beginning on July 1, 2022 for the orchestra's upcoming season which will conclude with a gala 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert at Severance Music Center on April 30, 2023