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**Chicago Sinfonietta Board Member Dr. Regynald Washington  
elected to the League Of American Orchestras Board of Directors**



Dr. Regynald G. Washington

The League of American Orchestras today announced new members elected to its Board of Directors. **Dr. Regynald G. Washington**, a member of Chicago Sinfonietta's Board of Directors since October 2017, is one of the seven new Board members that have joined the League of American Orchestras' Board of Directors; and will serve a three-year term.

"It is an honor to join the Board of Directors of the League of American Orchestras," states Dr. Washington. "The League, in its constant advocacy for orchestras, the orchestral experience and symphonic music in communities, is a vital organization in our field. I look forward to serving alongside my fellow colleagues as a member of the League's Board of Directors for the next three years, and contributing to the awareness and support of the League's endeavors."

**Sidney P. Jackson, Jr.**, President and CEO of Chicago Sinfonietta, congratulated Washington, saying, "We are excited to have Regynald join the League of American Orchestra's Board of Directors. As a forward-thinking and positive member of our Board, his time on the League's Board will no doubt result in robust and positive outcomes for the League and for the symphonic industry."

Sinfonietta Board Chair **Jim Weidner** added, "Regynald Washington is both a thoughtful and dynamic leader, and we at Chicago Sinfonietta couldn't be prouder that he will represent us on the Board of the League of American Orchestras. Regynald has been a big part of our success in the years since he joined us. He was instrumental in the Sinfonietta's recent March 2024 "Homecoming Tour" to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in Atlanta, Georgia, which offered a sold-out, free-to-the-public orchestral concert of works featuring Black, woman, and living composers, as well as various educational events for the HBCU students– an extension

of our mission and which demonstrated the type of work we do both on the stage and in the community in Chicago. Great things ahead for the League.”

Dr. Washington joins a dynamic group of leaders. Other newly elected members announced alongside Dr. Washington include (in alphabetical order): Rei Hotoda, Music Director, Fresno Philharmonic; Blake-Anthony Johnson, CEO, New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation; Barbara McCelvey, President, Foundation for Jones Hall and President-Elect and Chair of Development Committee, Houston Symphony Society; Pamela Mayo, CEO and founder of King's Global Logistics and Member, Ravinia Festival Trustee and Ravinia Festival Women's Board Member; Jessica Phillips, Clarinet and E-flat Clarinetist for Metropolitan Opera, Graduate Studies Faculty specializing in Entrepreneurship at The Juilliard School, Consultant, Arts & Culture, 11A Collaborative, and Board Member and Member of Artist Services Committee, The Field; Elizabeth Shribman, Chief Operating Officer and Former Chief of Staff, San Francisco Symphony, and Treasurer and Immediate Past President, Association of California Symphony Orchestras.

### **Dr. Regynald G. Washington**

A Board Member of Chicago Sinfonietta for eight years, Dr. Washington is President & CEO RGW Enterprises Inc. and a member of the Culinary Institute of America Board of Trustees. A former elected officer and Board Chair of the National Restaurant Association, his distinguished career has included significant industry leadership positions, including President of Paradis Lagardère Travel Retail Dining Division; CEO, Hojeij Branded Foods (a Morgan Stanley Private Equity Portfolio Company); and Vice President of Food and Beverage for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts globally. Honors include Recipient of the International Foodservice Gold Plate award (the highest award and Oscar of the foodservice industry) and Georgia Restaurant Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.



The only national organization dedicated to the orchestras and their communities, the League of American Orchestras includes nearly 25,000 musicians, conductors, orchestra staff, board members, volunteers, and business partners working with a membership of 2,000 world-renowned orchestras, community groups, summer festivals, student and youth ensembles, conservatories and libraries, businesses serving orchestras, and individuals who love symphonic music. <https://americanorchestras.org>.



A tenured orchestra and acclaimed cultural leader that champions diversity, equity, and inclusion by creating community through curated symphonic experiences, Chicago Sinfonietta is a source of community through music, as well as ensuring and inspiring a continued investment in diversity and inclusivity in the genre of classical music to promote fairness and equity. Recognized as groundbreaking, dynamic and daring, with core values built around being culturally responsive and advocates of inclusivity in all aspects of the 38-year-old organization's work, Chicago Sinfonietta's unrelenting commitment to being at the forefront of innovation drives its high standard of symphonic experiences. CS takes pride in leading by example with immersive audience engagement activities, impactful career development, education, and extensive community outreach programs. Please visit Chicago Sinfonietta's website to learn about upcoming events, IGNITE, our 2025-26 season, and more: <https://chicagosinfonietta.org>.

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