

The Bruno Walter Memorial Foundation

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Bruno Walter Memorial Foundation Awards \$30,000 in Grants to Support Associate Conductor Chair at The Baltimore Symphony for Ilyich Rivas, the Assistant Conductor Chair for Donato Cabrera at the San Francisco Symphony and the Assistant Conductor Chair at Opera North for Christopher Allen in it's Eighth and Final Year of Grants

Each Company receives \$7,500 and \$2,500 is granted directly to each Emerging Conductor for career development.

The Bruno Walter Memorial Foundation has awarded three \$10,000 grants to The Baltimore Symphony, in support of associate conductor Ilyich Rivas, the San Francisco Symphony in support of assistant conductor Donato Cabrera and to Opera North, for assistant conductor Christopher Allen for the upcoming 2010-11 season. The assistant conductors will be known for the 2010-11 season as holding the Bruno Walter Conductor's Chair. This is the eighth and final year of awarding Bruno Walter Memorial Foundation Emerging Conductor Chair awards.

The purpose of this annual program is to highlight the importance of assistant conductor positions as essential mentoring and learning experiences for emerging conductors.

In this time when potential opportunities for emerging conductors may be diminishing, the Foundation believes it is important to take a leadership role in assisting institutions and assistant conductors by highlighting the importance of these positions to the training and careers of our future orchestral leadership. The Foundation also wishes to encourage the development of training and mentoring programs for assistant conductors. These grants are intended to remind musicians and the general public of the invaluable contribution Maestro Walter made during his lifetime to opera, symphonic music and the training of young conductors.

The Bruno Walter Assistant Conductor Chair program carries an award of \$7,500 to the symphony orchestra or opera company. In addition, the Bruno Walter Career Development Grant of \$2,500 is made to the emerging conductor for projects that furthers his or her career, such as attendance at a conductor training session or other mentoring/career development program.

Applications were submitted by a wide range of large and small symphony orchestras and opera companies and were reviewed by a panel that consisted of the Bruno Walter Memorial Foundation trustees, plus Thor Eckert Jr., well-known music writer and Jesse Rosen, President of the League of American Orchestras.

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