CITATION

Philadelphia is the storied home of acclaimed musicians and renowned composers. Our City's creative sons and daughters have influenced and contributed to diverse music fields throughout Philadelphia's history. As one of the nation's most dynamic music cities, Philadelphia supports the efforts of the outstanding music organizations that educate and offer expanded opportunities for musicians.

The International Conference of Symphony and Opera Musicians (ICSOM), of which the Philadelphia Orchestra is a founding member orchestra, was founded in 1962 to promote a better and more rewarding livelihood for the skilled orchestral performer. It enriches the cultural life of orchestra society by facilitating communication among its member orchestras and all members of the greater musical community. ICSOM is comprised of over 4,000 musicians from 52 major symphony orchestras throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

ICSOM is an organization within the American Federation of Musicians that represents symphony orchestra, ballet, and opera musicians throughout the United States. It is the principal umbrella organization for orchestra musicians nationwide.

From August 26 – 29, 2015, ICSOM will hold its 53rd Conference in Philadelphia with delegates, officers, and staff within the American Federation of Musicians attending.

It is fitting and appropriate, therefore, that the City of Philadelphia officially recognize with this Citation the

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SYMPHONY AND OPERA MUSICIANS

and congratulate them on 53 years promoting advocacy of symphony, opera, and ballet musicians across the country.

Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

