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**BINGHAMTON COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA TO WELCOME NEW MUSIC
DIRECTOR TO THE PODIUM**



Binghamton, NY – July 27, 2020 – The Binghamton Community Orchestra is pleased to announce that conductor, Evan Meccarello, will be joining the orchestra as the new Music Director for the BCO beginning with the 2020-2021 concert season. Mr. Meccarello recently appeared with the orchestra as Guest Conductor in February of this current year. He has been chosen, after a yearlong search process, to succeed Dr. Timothy Perry, who served the orchestra for many years and retired after the 2018-2019 season.

Maestro Meccarello joins the orchestra from his home base in Rochester, NY. There, he serves as Director of the Hochstein Alumni Orchestra, an ensemble that he founded in 2010 at the Hochstein School. He has held the position of Conductor of the Nazareth College Chamber Orchestra, and currently is the Assistant Conductor of the Nazareth College Symphony Orchestra. Additionally he conducts the

Irondequoit Community Orchestra, and travels weekly to New London, CT to serve as Conductor of the Thames Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Maestro Meccarello is committed to engaging with communities and exploring new possibilities in classical music. This is especially true in today's troubled world. In his own words, "Togetherness has become so extremely important. Great musical experiences give us a chance for souls to touch even when we cannot."

Meccarello credits his success to learning from world-renowned conducting teachers including Larry Rachleff, Benjamin Zander, David Effron and Jorma Panula. He received musical training at Nazareth College, where he earned a violin performance degree, and from Bowling Green State University, where he completed a masters degree in orchestral conducting. A violinist, in addition to being a conductor, Meccarello was twice winner of the concerto competition while attending Nazareth College.

The summer of 2019 saw Maestro Meccarello travel to perform with professional orchestras in Bulgaria. This past season featured, in addition to his appearance here with the BCO, appearances with civic and university orchestras (in the Maestro's own words), "from Buffalo to Saranac Lake to Providence, RI." Meccarello can also be found in the role of guest conductor and clinician at middle and high schools in the Rochester area, including New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Area All-State and All-County festival orchestras.

In further musical activities, Meccarello serves as Vice President of the Keuka Lake Music Festival and is the radio host for *Soundspace*, on WAYO-FM in Rochester, a show, to quote from the WAYO-FM website, dedicated to the "Playing of modern and contemporary classical music . . . featuring many unknown composers circa 1965 and onward." And just for even more fun, Meccarello may be heard performing with *Uptown Tango*, a duo that specializes in Argentine tango music, with classical and jazz thrown in for good measure.

The Binghamton Community Orchestra looks forward with great anticipation to working with Maestro Meccarello beginning this coming season, and for a long time to come.

For additional information about Evan Meccarello, please visit:

<https://www2.naz.edu/dept/music/faculty-staff/evan-meccarello/>
<https://hochstein.org/Ensembles/Orchestras/Hochstein-Alumni-Orchestra>,
and @uptown_tango on Instagram.

For additional information about the Binghamton Community Orchestra, please visit the orchestra's website at: <http://binghamtoncommunityorchestra.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/BinghamtonCommunityOrchestra/>

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