

# Racine Symphony

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## **Racine Symphony Orchestra Names Artistic Director**

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The Racine Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Pasquale Laurino has been hired as the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Racine Symphony Orchestra. Laurino had been serving as a guest conductor of the RSO during the past concert season.

Laurino brings a multitude of talents to this position. Not only is he a recognized conductor throughout the Milwaukee and Chicago area, but he is also a highly regarded violin soloist. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he received his training as a violinist and conductor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Indiana University. He has performed with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and has been concertmaster of the Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra, the Skylight Opera Theatre, and the Bel Canto Chamber Orchestra.

Maestro Laurino's artistic home for over two decades has been the Skylight Opera Theatre in Milwaukee where he has conducted numerous operas and bel canto masterworks. In 2002, Laurino conducted the Copland opera, *The Tender Land*, on PBS and provided commentary during the intermission.

Laurino has participated in numerous festivals in Europe and the United States. He has been on the faculty of Carroll College, the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, and the University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley as conductor, violin/viola teacher and chamber music coach.

RSO Board President, Nancy DeKraay, stated that "As the Racine Symphony Orchestra enters its 80<sup>th</sup> concert season, the board of directors is extremely pleased to welcome Pasquale Laurino as our official Artistic Director and Conductor. Maestro Laurino brings commitment and dedication to both the RSO and the Racine community. He has a desire to bring the orchestra to the community AND to bring the community to the orchestra. The board is thrilled and excited to have a musician of Pasquale's capabilities and stature as the leader of the RSO."

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