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## **Cheektowaga Community Symphony Orchestra Announces Four Conductor Finalists**

Cheektowaga, NY (August 4, 2016) – The Cheektowaga Community Symphony Orchestra's 2016-2017 season will be an exciting four-concert search process with four outstanding finalists for the job of Music Director and Conductor. The orchestra is seeking to hire a new musical leader to continue the artistic vision set by John Landis, the previous Music Director and Conductor, who held that position for over 25 years.

The finalists for the position include:

Scott Bean will direct the orchestra in the October 23 concert at St. Andrew Church in Sloan. Bean is currently the Instrumental Music Director at Salamanca High School. His previous engagements have included work with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra as the Apprentice and Cover Conductor and also with the Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra.

Amy Steiner will lead the December 18 concert at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Cheektowaga. Steiner is a music teacher at Hutchinson Central Technical High School with Buffalo Public Schools. Steiner is the co-founder of the Buffalo Niagara Concert Band and currently serves as their Music Director.

Nicholas DeIBello will be atop the podium for the February 26, 2017 concert at Villa Maria College. DeIBello founded the Buffalo Brass Choir, a 17-25 piece professional brass and percussion ensemble, and currently serves as their Music Director. He also teaches vocal and instrumental music in the Buffalo Public Schools at School 81.

Dr. Thomas Witakowski will conduct the April 30, 2017 concert at the Cheektowaga Senior Center. Witakowski is an Associate Professor in the music department at Buffalo State College. He serves as the Music Director/Conductor of the Chopin Singing Society since 1991 and serves as the Music Director and Principal Conductor of the Amherst Chamber Ensembles.

All concerts for the season are held on Sundays and will begin at 3:00 pm. They are free to the public and good will offerings are appreciated by the orchestra.

Since community input is an important part of the selection process, audience members will have the unique opportunity to fill out evaluation forms for each candidate after every concert.

Additional information is on Facebook by searching for "Cheektowaga Community Symphony Orchestra" and on the web at [www.cheektowagasymphony.com](http://www.cheektowagasymphony.com).