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Klaus Mäkelä tapped as next CSO director

Finn to be youngest leader when he takes post in 2027

By Hannah Edgar
Chicago Tribune

On Tuesday, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra announced its next music director, the Finnish conductor Klaus Mäkelä.

Mäkelä will be the orchestra's 11th music director, effective in the 2027-28 concert season, following the conclusion of Riccardo Muti's tenure at the end of the 2022-23 season. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association's board of trustees voted unanimously earlier Tuesday on his appointment, with the news shared with CSO musicians and staff that morning.

Mäkelä, 28, is the fastest-rising conductor in decades. At 24, he became chief conductor of the Oslo Philharmonic, and the music director of Orchestre de Paris at 25. He will be the youngest music director in the CSO's history when he assumes the post in 2027. (The orches-

Above: New music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Klaus Mäkelä stands for a photo at the Mandarin Oriental New York on March 20 in New York. He will be the CSO's 11th music director. **BARRY WILLIAMS/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

tra's second music director, Frederick Stock, was 32 when he was appointed in 1905; Mäkelä will be 31.) His five-year contract has him leading the orchestra at least through 2032.

"I was very touched and, of course, incredibly honored," Mäkelä told the Tribune about his appointment in an interview in New York in late March. "The (orchestra's) spirit of wanting to do things really, really well was so impressive to me. I thought, 'OK, I feel that they understand me, and I understand them. This could be someplace where we could build something.'"

His hiring came after a global search since early 2020 that included visits by a number of guest conductors, including Mäkelä in April 2022 and February 2023. Mäkelä returns to

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New obstacle in a quest for resentencing

Woman who says she killed abuser argues state Supreme Court ruling doesn't apply

By Madeline Buckley
Chicago Tribune

Shea Redmond was sitting in the back of his mother's car when she shot and killed his father at an Evanston gas station in 2001.

His mother, Marseilles, does not dispute that — but she's arguing before a court that she killed Narsell Love in fear and panic after suffering abuse, culminating in him bumping his car over and over into the back of her bumper while her 1-year-old was strapped in the back.

Marseilles Redmond is seeking resentencing under an Illinois law that allows domestic violence survivors to make a case to a judge for a lower sentence. Her son, now 23, grew up grappling with his complicated and traumatic family history and hopes to have his mother home early for a second chance at building a family life together.

"I'm in the presence of family always," Shea Redmond said. "Everyone is knocking on everyone's doors, even when I don't



Vadal Redmond holds her phone containing a photo of her daughter, Marseilles Redmond, on Friday outside of the Skokie Courthouse. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

want them to. If everything goes according to plan, it's something I would love to include my mother in."

But a recent Illinois Supreme Court decision has created a new obstacle in the quest for a new

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CPS educator struck, killed in hit-and-run

Jones College Prep teaching assistant was 'always in good spirits'

By Rebecca Johnson and Kate Armanini
Chicago Tribune

For Astarte Howell, one of the educators who "made high school special" for her as a student at Jones College Prep was Charles "Charlie" Mills, a technical director for the theater program.

Mills helped build sets, run lights and coordinate engineering for student productions, including theater, band and choir,

she said. He was "always in good spirits," and helped her find a love of theater. If not for Mills, she said she wouldn't have pursued a degree in theater at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"You just ever meet a person like right off the bat you know that they're a good person? Charlie was that," Howell, a 2008 graduate, said. "It was never 'No, I couldn't' or he was never in a rush. Anytime you asked Charlie for anything, or if you needed Charlie for something, he was always there, and if he couldn't do it right then, he made it happen."

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Ill. speaker's top legal counsel leaves post

Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch's chief legal counsel has left his job after being behind an effort to get Democratic lawmakers to not speak to a Tribune reporter at the Capitol. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

Learning on the job at third base

The Christopher Morel experiment is a work in progress for the Cubs, writes the Tribune's Paul Sullivan. Plus, Braves pitchers Aaron Bummer and Reynaldo López reflect on their time with the Sox. **Chicago Sports**

Charity group halts food deliveries in Gaza

World Central Kitchen says travel cleared with Israel before fatal strikes

By Wafaa Shurafa and Samy Magdy
Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Some of Israel's closest allies on Tuesday condemned the deaths of seven aid workers who were killed by airstrikes in Gaza — a loss that prompted multiple charities to suspend food deliveries to Palestinians on the brink of starvation.

The deaths of the World Central Kitchen workers threatened to set back efforts by the U.S. and other

countries to open a maritime corridor for aid from Cyprus to help ease the desperate conditions in northern Gaza.

President Joe Biden said the deaths were tragic, but that even worse, it was not a stand-alone incident and said flatly that Israel was not doing enough to protect civilians.

"The United States has repeatedly urged Israel to deconflict their military operations against Hamas with humanitarian operations, in order to avoid civilian casualties," he said, in a tone that was notably sharper and more direct than his other rebukes of Israel's decisions

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People inspect the site where World Central Kitchen workers were killed in Deir al-Balah, Gaza Strip, on Tuesday. The aid group says an Israeli strike that hit its workers in Gaza killed at least seven people. **ABDEL KAREEM HANA/AP**

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