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SummERMUSIK Announces Inaugural Kreitler Commission Competition Winner

CINCINNATI, OH – SummERMUSIK in partnership with Chamber Orchestra of Pittsburgh, Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle (NC), and Reno Chamber Orchestra are pleased to announce Matt Browne as the winner of the inaugural Kreitler Commission Competition. Matt was chosen from a pool of 237 applicants from 18 countries through a blind selection process based solely on the merit of two submitted work samples. He will now begin composing a new work for chamber orchestra with a world premiere by SummERMUSIK in August 2025 with subsequent performances by partner orchestras throughout the 2025-2026 season. Matt also will receive a \$10,000 grand prize. Composers Yanchen Ye and Alexis C. Lamb were designated as the 1st and 2nd runner-up.

“Matt is a brilliant composer, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with him. We are humbled by the quality of applications submitted for this competition, which further underlines Matt’s talent,” says SummERMUSIK Executive Director Evan Gidley.

The Kreitler Commission Competition is in memory of 10-time Emmy Award winning composer John Henry Kreitler who helped launch the competition prior to his passing in January 2024. John was a member of the Board of Trustees of SummERMUSIK and was committed to providing opportunities to living composers. His Second Symphony is being premiered by SummERMUSIK on August 10, 2024 in Cincinnati.

The second annual Kreitler Commission Competition will be formally announced in early 2025.

The Kreitler Commission Competition is made possible with support from John and Patsy Kreitler, Mike and Beth Dempsey, and Mary Ann Barnes and Tim Boyle. Additional support comes from partner organizations Chamber Orchestra of Pittsburgh, Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle (NC), and Reno Chamber Orchestra. The competition is part of SummERMUSIK’s 50th Anniversary celebration in 2024.

For more information about composer Matt Browne, visit mattbrownecomposer.com/bio/

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About SummERMUSIK: SummERMUSIK (Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra) is an independent ensemble of 32 professional musicians that is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2024. Under the direction of Music Director Eckart Preu, SummERMUSIK concerts offer a fun and informative musical experience in an intimate and informal setting. The ensemble’s size allows for creativity in programming; presenting orchestral works ranging from Baroque and Classical eras to commissioned works by contemporary composers. Collaborations are a hallmark of SummERMUSIK, including partnerships with Walk with Amal, Cincinnati Ballet, and Cincinnati Art Museum, among others. The We Are One festival series was launched in 2022 and amplifies under-consulted voices by acknowledging historical and contemporary inequities and celebrating unique cultures.

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