



Andrew Grams **KSO Music Director Candidate**

With a unique combination of intensity, enthusiasm and technical clarity, American conductor Andrew Grams has steadily built a reputation for his dynamic concerts and long-term orchestra building. Grams has led orchestras throughout the United States including The Philadelphia Orchestra, Chicago Symphony, Detroit Symphony, National Symphony Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony, Cincinnati Symphony, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, The Dallas Symphony, and the Houston Symphony. He served as Assistant Conductor of The Cleveland Orchestra from 2004-2007 where he worked under the guidance of Franz Welser-Möst, and has since returned for several engagements.

Maestro Grams has worked extensively with orchestras abroad, including the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, National Arts Centre Orchestra Ottawa, Orchestre National de France, Orchestre National de Lyon, Orchester der Beethovenhalle Bonn, BBC Symphony Orchestra London, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Sydney Symphony, Melbourne and Adelaide Symphony Orchestras, New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra dell'Accademia di Santa Cecilia, Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra, Residentie Orchestra, Hamburg Symphony Orchestra, Oslo Philharmonic, Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Malmö Symphony Orchestra.

2016-2017 marks Grams' fourth season as Music Director of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra. He returns to the Dallas, Tucson, and Fort Worth Symphonies, as well as the Sacramento and Louisiana Philharmonics. He will also lead a new production of *The Nutcracker* with the Norwegian National Ballet in Oslo.

Born in Severn, Maryland, Grams began studying the violin at the age of eight. In 1999 he received a Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance from The Juilliard School, and in 2003, he received a conducting degree from the Curtis Institute of Music where he studied with Otto-Werner Mueller.

An accomplished violinist, Grams was a member of the New York City Ballet Orchestra from

1998-2004, serving as acting associate principal second violin in 2002 and 2004. Additionally, he has performed with ensembles including the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Orchestra of St. Luke's, Brooklyn Philharmonic, and the New Jersey Symphony.