



Dear Juventas Community,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am thrilled to announce the appointment of Oliver Caplan as our new Artistic Director. Oliver is a highly respected composer, who has demonstrated leadership in the field. His music has won numerous awards and grants, and is frequently performed and commissioned nationwide. As Juventas' fourth leader, he brings a unique blend of artistic and administrative experience, having collaborated with Juventas from multiple vantage points over the past decade. Juventas' long-term artistic partnership with Oliver has already included performances of 15 of his works, including 5 premieres, and the recording of his forthcoming album *You Are Not Alone*. Oliver has also served two terms on the Juventas Board of Directors (2016-17 and 2010-2014) and was our Director of Communications and Marketing (2007-2010). Oliver is deeply committed to Juventas' mission and brings both a strong understanding of our past and visionary ideas for our future.

Former Artistic Director Lidiya Yankovskaya has moved on to assume the role of Music Director for the Chicago Opera Theater, breaking ground as the first woman to head an American opera company with a budget over a million dollars. Lidiya's tenure with Juventas was marked by a significant increase in artistic value at every level of our organization. Under her leadership, Juventas won the American Prize for Best Professional Opera Production; collaborated with circus artists, dancers and robotics engineers; and founded the Boston New Music Festival, a dynamic showcase of Boston's contemporary music scene. She also strengthened our organization, broadening development operations, securing our first NEA grant, and increasing musician and staff compensation. Lidiya will be missed greatly. We celebrate her many successes and wish her well in this momentous next step for her career.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Oliver as Juventas' Artistic Director. I am confident that Juventas will thrive under his leadership, as we continue to advance the next generation of composers.

Yours sincerely,

John A. Carey  
President  
Juventas Board of Directors