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Juventas New Music Ensemble Appoints Oliver Caplan as its Artistic Director

The Juventas New Music Ensemble Board of Directors has appointed Oliver Caplan as the ensemble's new Artistic Director. He assumed his position on October 1, 2017. "Since Juventas' founding over a decade ago, its musicians and composers have matured into some of the most talented artists in Boston," says Mr. Caplan. "I look forward to building on this legacy to advance our art form for musicians and audiences alike, curating the best contemporary music being written today."

Mr. Caplan is a respected composer whose music 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 Mr. Caplan has already included performances of 15 of his works, including 5 premieres, and the recording of his forthcoming album *You Are Not Alone*. He has also served two terms on the Juventas Board of Directors (2016-17 and 2010-14) and was its Director of Communications and Marketing (2007-10).

Board President John A. Carey says, "Oliver is the right leader to guide Juventas into the next decade. He is deeply committed to Juventas' mission and brings both a strong understanding of our past and visionary ideas for our future."

About Oliver Caplan

Award-winning American composer Oliver Caplan writes melodies that nourish our souls, offering a voice of hope in an uncertain world. Inspired by the resiliency of the human spirit and beauty of the natural world, his music celebrates stories of social justice, conservation and community.

Mr. Caplan's works have been performed in over 125 performances nationwide. He has been commissioned by the Atlanta Chamber Players, Bella Piano Trio, Bronx Arts Ensemble, Brookline Symphony Orchestra, Columbia University Wind Ensemble, El Sistema Somerville and New Hampshire Master Chorale, among others. Winner of a Special Citation for the American Prize in Orchestral Composition, additional recognitions include two Veridian Symphony Competition Wins, the Fifth House Ensemble Competition Grand Prize, seven ASCAP Awards, and fellowships at VCCA and the Brush Creek Foundation for the Arts. Recordings of Mr. Caplan's music include *You Are Not Alone*, a forthcoming album with Juventas, his debut album *Illuminations*, EP *Moon Over Appalachia* and a track on the Sinfonietta of Riverdale's album *New World Serenade* (Albany Records). Mr. Caplan holds degrees from Dartmouth College and the Boston Conservatory, is a voting member of the Recording Academy, and resides in Medford, Massachusetts.

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About Juventas New Music Ensemble

Juventas New Music Ensemble voices forward-looking concert music, nurturing and showcasing today's most brilliant emerging composers. Based in Boston, Massachusetts, Juventas serves as an incubator for promising musical pioneers, giving them opportunities to develop, present and promote their work. The ensemble's core musicians and numerous guests are versatile artists with backgrounds as world-class performers, composers, conductors, educators and community leaders. Juventas' collaborative productions cross disciplinary boundaries, creating an unparalleled artistic experience for audience members. The ensemble has partnered with dancers, painters, scientists, poets, visual artists, puppeteers, and robotics engineers. A leader in the field, Juventas hosts the Boston New Music Festival, a weeklong showcase of Boston's contemporary music scene, with concerts, master classes and symposia. Juventas' Opera Project has received recognition from The American Prize, National Opera Association, and New York City Fringe Festival. The ensemble has held residencies at Boston Conservatory, Harvard University, Longy School of Music, Middlebury College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Juventas has also performed on recordings with Innova Recordings, Parma Records, and New Dynamic Records.

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