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Jacksonville Symphony Names Grant O'Brien as Assistant Conductor

Jacksonville, Fla - The Jacksonville Symphony proudly announces that Grant O'Brien has been appointed as the newest Assistant Conductor of the Jacksonville Symphony. O'Brien is a conductor, composer and producer of music and musical productions with many years of experience in the symphonic world. As a classically trained artist with a devotion to popular and contemporary music, O'Brien is a versatile musician and an inventive concert producer.

In his career so far, O'Brien has conducted many ensembles in the Rochester, NY area including the Syracuse Society for New Music, New Horizons String and Full Orchestra, Upstate Brass Band, Eastman Tuba Mirum, Missouri Ensemble and Empire Film and Media Ensemble. He has also conducted many degree recitals at the Eastman School of Music in addition to several recording sessions with ensembles ranging from an octet to a 50-piece orchestra. Most notably, Grant has conducted recording sessions for the award-winning web-series, "Star Trek Continues" and the film "Aquarium" by Stephanie Maxwell.

As a tubist, O'Brien has performed with many ensembles including the East End Brass Band and the Eastman Philharmonia. He has toured with the Eastman Wind Ensemble after appearing on their recording of Jeff Tyzik's *Images* and premiered Andre Previn's Music for Wind Orchestra (No Strings Attached). In January 2018 he performed Daugherty's solo for tuba, *Reflections on the Mississippi*, with the Eastman Wind Orchestra.

In addition to his new role, O'Brien currently serves as Music Director of the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras (JSYO). As part of the Jacksonville Symphony's Music Education programs, JSYO serves more than 350 talented musicians from all over Northeast Florida through six levels of ensembles - two full orchestras and four levels of string ensembles - that vary by repertoire and technical advancement.

About the Jacksonville Symphony

The Jacksonville Symphony is North Florida's leading music nonprofit offering live performances at Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts and other venues throughout the area. In addition, the Symphony provides music instruction for youth and operates the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras. For more information about the Symphony, visit JaxSymphony.org.

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