



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Orchestra began its first concert season 111 years ago, dramatically transforming the musical landscape in the State of Minnesota. The Orchestra's fame quickly grew through tours to more cities in the United States than any other American orchestra; and today, has distinguished our state through critically-acclaimed performances in the world's greatest musical capitals; and

WHEREAS: Conductor Osmo Vänskä and the Orchestra are recipients of a 2014 Grammy Award for the Best Orchestral Performance, a recent pinnacle in the ensemble's distinguished recording and broadcasting legacy; and

WHEREAS: In 1911, the Minnesota Orchestra launched its first Young People's Concert and has continued to expand its educational programs to millions of students, sharing the thrill and beauty of classical music with each generation; and

WHEREAS: The Orchestra has performed nearly 700 concerts in more than 60 Minnesota cities in school gyms, churches, community auditoriums, theaters, and outdoor venues; and

WHEREAS: The building of Orchestra Hall in 1974 enhanced the landscape of Downtown Minneapolis and created one of the most acoustically-brilliant concert halls in the United States. Orchestra Hall's recent renovation has expanded and revitalized its public spaces for modern-day audiences; and

WHEREAS: The volunteer support that built and has sustained the Orchestra through the past eleven decades serves as an extraordinary example of community leadership, involvement, and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS: The outstanding musicians and conductors of the Minnesota Orchestra have committed themselves to enriching their community with the highest-quality performances of the world's greatest symphonic music.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 26, 2014, as:

MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 22nd day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE