



CONCORD
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

**Walter A. and Dorothy J. Oestreich
Concerto Competition Winner**



Michael Sundell (1990)

Originally from Cedarburg, Wisconsin, Michael Sundell was appointed to the contrabassoon position with the Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal in 2011. He attended the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where he studied with William Winstead, and the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University as a student of Benjamin Kamins. Michael also cites Norman Herzberg, Dennis Michel, Jim Rodgers, and Stephen Basson as significant influences.

Prior to coming to Montreal, Michael was a member of the Colorado Symphony. He also enjoyed an extensive career as a freelance musician working with many orchestras throughout the United States including the Chicago Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, National Symphony, and the Kennedy Center Opera. He has held positions with the Milwaukee Symphony, Tulsa Philharmonic, and Virginia Symphony and has performed with many summer music festivals including the Sun Valley Summer Symphony, Grant Park Music Festival Orchestra, the Colorado Music Festival, and the OK Mozart festival.

A dedicated teacher, as well as performer, Michael always enjoys sharing his love of music with new generations of music students. When he is not practicing or making reeds, he enjoys fly fishing, cooking Thai and Indian cuisine, and spending time with his family.