

Louis Botto Award for Innovative Action and Entrepreneurial Zeal



DESCRIPTION

The Louis Botto Award for Innovative Action and Entrepreneurial Zeal is given to a conductor who has been involved with a professional or professional-core ensemble for 5-10 years.

This award was established in memory of Louis Botto for his artistry, selfless service to the choral art, and entrepreneurial spirit in founding the men's vocal ensemble Chanticleer and bringing it to national prominence as the first professional choral ensemble in the U.S., outside the military, consistently to offer full-time employment to its singers.

Demonstration of the entrepreneurial spirit may include:

- Taking risks to create a superior artistic product
- Presenting adventurous programming
- Placing artistic achievement above personal gain
- Continuously advancing the artistic mission of the ensemble

The recipient will have demonstrated a firm commitment to the fair payment of professional choral ensemble singers.

The winner receives an engraved plaque.

ELIGIBILITY

The nominee must be a member of Chorus America. Self-nominations are not accepted.

The Louis Botto Award can be received only once by any individual. It is not an annual award and will be given at the discretion of the selection panel.

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DEADLINE AND HOW TO APPLY

The deadline to submit via the [Chorus America Application Portal](#) (CAAP) is Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 5PM ET.

The nomination should be no longer than five pages and include:

- A statement of the nominee's qualifications for the award
- A summary of the accomplishments of the professional or professional-core ensemble under the nominee's leadership

Applicants will be asked to provide information about the fair payment of singers in the ensemble.

Additionally, two letters of recommendation in support of the nominee are required. The request for these letters is sent as part of the application in CAAP. Recommenders who receive the request then upload the letters directly into the system.

Note: No attachments of recordings, reviews, or repertoire lists are required.

Applications will only be accepted through CAAP: <https://apply-chorusamerica.smapply.io/>