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**Bishop Gadsden is Proud to Welcome the 2019
Charleston Symphony Orchestra Conducting Workshop**



January 8, 2019 – Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community is proud to be hosting the 2019 Charleston Symphony Orchestra Conducting Workshop thru Thursday, January 10th.

Have you ever wondered how conductors practice? Unlike instrumentalists, conductors are expected to have perfected their training and craft before getting their hands on an instrument - the orchestra. As you can imagine, “podium time” opportunities for young conductors are extremely rare but are essential if they are to hone their craft and gain experience. The

Charleston Symphony Orchestra is providing such an opportunity during their inaugural Conducting Workshop hosted by Bishop Gadsden.

Following the leads of the International Conductors Workshop and Festival and other like-minded programs, the workshop is being led by internationally renowned conducting teacher Mark Gibson, Professor of Music and Director of Orchestra Studies at the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati, Aik Khai Pung, Assistant Professor of Music and Music Director of the CCM Concert Orchestra, and Ken Lam, Music Director of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

The workshop is designed for eight pre-professional conductors and eight auditors looking to improve their conducting skills in a supportive but intensive setting. The attendees are from all over the world, and each conductor will have over 120 minutes of podium time as well as group and individual coaching with faculty, Charleston Symphony Orchestra musicians and staff. The workshop will conclude with a concert led by all active participants. Auditors attend all sessions and will conduct in one quintet session.

In addition to the exceptionally unique one-on-one time with faculty and talented musicians, the participants of the workshop are being hosted by Bishop Gadsden residents – allowing for an even more personalized experience for the conductors and the Bishop Gadsden Community.

Events are being held in Bishop Gadsden’s award-winning Chapel – nationally recognized for its superior acoustics and exceptional Steinway piano.

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About Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community: Founded in 1850, Bishop Gadsden is a non-profit, life plan community serving more than 500 residents in a variety of residential and health care settings including independent and assisted living, skilled nursing, and memory support/Alzheimer’s care.