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## **ASPEN MUSIC FESTIVAL AND SCHOOL PRESIDENT AND CEO ALAN FLETCHER ELECTED TO AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Aspen, CO — The Aspen Music Festival and School (AMFS) is proud to announce that President and CEO Alan Fletcher has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, one of the nation's most prestigious honorary societies. Fletcher joins the Academy's newly announced Class of 2025, which includes luminaries such as Anderson Cooper, Danny Glover, and Gloria Steinem.

Founded in 1780, the Academy has honored excellence and convened leaders from across disciplines and divides to examine new ideas, address issues of importance, and work together “to advance the interest, honor, dignity, and happiness of a free, independent, and virtuous people.” Read more about the Academy of Arts and Sciences [here](#).

Fletcher was selected for induction in the category of Scientific, Cultural, and Nonprofit Leadership, recognizing his contributions to the arts and cultural life of the nation through his work with the Aspen Music Festival and School and beyond.



In 2025, President and CEO Alan Fletcher celebrates his twentieth anniversary at the helm of the AMFS and will be the honoree of this season's benefit event, A Feast of Music (Aug. 11). Fletcher oversaw the full redevelopment of the 38-acre, \$80 million campus; created the new opera training program under Renée Fleming and Patrick Summers; stewarded the institution through the COVID pandemic; and shaped both the education and artistry of the AMFS at premiere levels for twenty years. All of this while continuing his work as a prolific composer, most recently with “Three American Songs,” written for Renée Fleming which had its world premiere in the summer of 2024 with the Aspen Festival Orchestra conducted by Robert Spano.

The full list of new inductees is available at [www.amacad.org/new-members-2025](http://www.amacad.org/new-members-2025).

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## About Alan Fletcher

**Alan Fletcher** is an accomplished scholar, composer, and arts leader. He serves as president and CEO of the Aspen Music Festival and School. Alan previously served as professor and head of the School of Music at Carnegie Mellon University, and as professor, dean, and provost of New England Conservatory. Born in Riverside, New Jersey, he earned his baccalaureate at Princeton University, Phi Beta Kappa and *magna cum laude*. He earned a master's degree and doctorate at the Juilliard School as a Danforth graduate fellow, where he received the Irving Berlin Fellowship and the Alexandre Gretchaninoff Prize. Alan attended the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education, and he has been a frequent fellow at the MacDowell Colony. Fletcher's complete biography can be found [here](#).

## About the Aspen Music Festival and School

Founded in 1949, the Aspen Music Festival and School is a beacon for classical music lovers and aspiring musicians alike. Nestled in the stunning Rocky Mountains, the Festival offers a unique blend of world-class performances, artist residencies, and educational opportunities. Each summer, it draws over 600 students and 150 artist-faculty members from around the globe, presenting nearly 300 events ranging from orchestral concerts to intimate chamber music recitals.

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