

Quotes about Michael Christie

“If we have forgotten that music is meant to give pleasure, it is Christie’s gift to remind us.”

~*Arizona Republic*

“Classical music is undergoing a renaissance thanks to the likes of Michael Christie...Christie’s conducting is not merely spellbinding, but profound and penetrating.”

~*Daily Camera*

“Christie pays homage to the classics with deft swipes of his baton, but he is also engaged in attracting a younger audience and creating a non-threatening environment for the classically initiated and uninitiated alike.”

~*Boulder Weekly*

“With a sophisticated and polished style on the podium, Michael Christie turned heads when he joined The Phoenix Symphony in 2005. His boyish good looks, enthusiastic spirit and deft swipes of the baton made symphony fans take note. Mature beyond his 34 years, the music director has since made a tremendous impact in Phoenix as both an artistic and community leader. He is personable, articulate and persuasive, and the orchestra has never sounded better, with concerts that are imaginative and inspiring. And more seats are selling than ever before.”

~*Phoenix Magazine*

In a review of a Los Angeles Philharmonic concert, the *LA Times* described guest conductor Christie as a “daredevil fully in control.” In conducting Respighi’s *Pines of Rome*, the paper declared, “Christie drove the orchestra like a Lamborghini screeching down narrow, curvy Roman streets at high speeds, and never lost traction.”

“It still seems like a short time ago that a young Michael Christie took the reins of a struggling organization that played to an auditorium barely half-full of patrons largely over 50. Nine years and constant full houses later, and with a fairy tale string of professional and personal success, what Christie has accomplished at Chautauqua truly is a miracle.”

~*Daily Camera*

“If Michael Christie represents the future of music in this country, the future looks promising indeed...His gestures are broad and clear, and he has an appealing presence on the podium...The young maestro inspired lightness and precision.”

~*Cincinnati Enquirer*

“Michael Christie is innovative, energetic and enthusiastic—he is simply a joy to behold. The orchestra responds well to Michael, the soloists shine and the audience seems thrilled. The program choices are provocative, and I always leave with a renewed spirit and sense of wonder, and respect for Michael and the musicians.”

~*Colorado Music Festival patron*