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Maestro Kajima to Step into Resident Conductor Role

The Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra announces today a new direction for the Eastside's major musical institution. Our longtime music director, Fusao Kajima, will step into the post of resident conductor for the 2008-09 season, after presiding over a period of unprecedented growth for the orchestra. As we present together a 08-09 season that will be the orchestra's most ambitious and diverse in its history, the BPO also will be exploring interesting new models for artistic direction.

"The BPO is extremely grateful to Maestro Kajima," said orchestra CEO Jennifer McCausland, "and we look forward to our continuing association with him in the coming season, when the orchestra will offer an exciting spectrum of new programming."

These changes accompany a major fundraising initiative that will raise the salaries of our musicians to more competitive levels. It's an exciting time for the Bellevue Philharmonic.

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