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## Bellevue Philharmonic Hires New Executive Director/CEO, Jennifer McCausland

After an extensive nationwide search, Jennifer McCausland has joined the Bellevue Philharmonic as Executive Director/CEO. “We are very excited to welcome Jennifer to the Bellevue Philharmonic as CEO. She brings a rare combination of leadership skills, business acumen, experience in the classical music world, and a deep passion for music performance. With Jennifer’s leadership the orchestra will continue to grow in significance in the cultural life of Bellevue and the Eastside,” says Board President, Paul Garner. Maestro Fusao Kajima also shares his praise of the new director: “I am delighted to have Jennifer on board with us. She will bring an enormous energy, focus and sharp business skills to our organization. It will be a truly exciting time ahead of us.”

McCausland comes to the BPO with many years of successful management and fundraising experience. Born in 1960 in Brisbane, Australia, she has resided in the Seattle area for over two decades. A long-time lover of classical music, she has applied this passion through her company, Apollo Music Ventures, which promotes emerging young artists and brings musicians and audiences together in new, innovative and unconventional venues.

Currently she is producing a national conference to be held at Seattle University in February on the Future of Classical Music, which will include leaders from several top-tier symphony orchestras and nationally recognized arts critics. The topics of this conference include securing a broader audience and new financial models to deliver great music. McCausland aims to open the doors to new audiences and take the Orchestra forward. “It’s very exciting to be invited to lead an organization gifted with an orchestra of enthusiastic and ambitious musicians, an engaged board of directors and a loyal and supportive subscriber base. The bonus opportunity for the BPO is that it is situated right in the middle of the most prosperous community in the Northwest, one which is about to break ground on a spectacular performing Arts Center,” says McCausland.

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