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WICHITA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WELCOMES DR. TIMOTHY STORHOFF AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, USHERING IN A BOLD NEW ERA

Wichita, KS – The Wichita Symphony Orchestra (WSO) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Dr. Timothy Storhoff as its new Executive Director, a dynamic leader poised to usher in an exciting new chapter for the organization. As WSO celebrates its 80th anniversary, this pivotal moment in the Symphony's history offers a unique opportunity to reimagine the future of classical music in Wichita—inviting both seasoned patrons and new audiences to experience the transformative power of live symphonic performances.

Storhoff, who currently serves as Chief Philanthropy Officer for the Winston-Salem Symphony, brings an extensive background in arts administration and a fervent dedication to community engagement and accessibility. His arrival marks a significant shift as the WSO prepares to deepen its connections with Wichita's diverse and vibrant community while expanding its reach beyond traditional boundaries.

"As we embark on the orchestra's 80th season, I'm eager to connect with supporters and music lovers from across Wichita and beyond," said Storhoff. "We're celebrating a rich history while exploring new ways to enrich, educate, and engage our diverse and vibrant community."

Dr. Storhoff's impressive resume includes leadership roles in both the public and nonprofit sectors. He earned his Ph.D. in Musicology and Master's of Music in Ethnomusicology from Florida State University, and undergraduate studies in Bassoon Performance and American Studies at the University of Iowa. His academic and professional journey reflects a lifelong passion for music and its role in shaping and reflecting cultural identities.

"It is an honor to accept the role of Executive Director for the Wichita Symphony," he said. "Joining a forward-thinking organization with such a strong foundation, built on Daniel Hege's artistic leadership and the unwavering talent and dedication of the musicians, staff, and board, is truly exciting."

"We are confident that under the leadership of Dr. Timothy Storhoff, the Symphony will not only continue to honor its rich legacy but also embark on an exciting new chapter." said Ebony S. Clemons, Board Chair of the Wichita Symphony. "His appointment marks a significant step forward in ensuring the Symphony remains a vital and vibrant part of our city's cultural landscape."

This new leadership comes as the WSO kicks off its 80th Anniversary Season with a spectacular opening night on Saturday, September 14, featuring powerhouse vocalist Capathia Jenkins in *She's Got Soul*.

The Symphony's outgoing Executive, Don Reinhold, leaves a lasting legacy of resilience and growth, having steered the organization out of significant financial challenges and set it on a path toward a bright future.

Dr. Storhoff's selection was the culmination of a competitive nationwide search for an Executive Director led by Arts Consulting Group (ACG), hired by the WSO Board to recruit a new Executive Director.

For more information on *She's Got Soul* or to purchase tickets, visit WichitaSymphony.org or contact the Symphony office at (316) 267-7658.

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