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**Wichita Symphony Orchestra Announces Retirement of Chief Executive Officer Don Reinhold**

(Wichita, KS) The Wichita Symphony Orchestra (WSO) announces the retirement of Chief Executive Officer Don Reinhold, effective August 31, 2024. Since his arrival in January 2012, Reinhold has played a crucial role in the growth and development of the WSO.

In deciding to retire, Reinhold commented, "I am grateful to the Board of Directors, my staff, Music Director Daniel Hege, the orchestra musicians, and the Symphony's patrons for many fabulous experiences and successes for over twelve years. As the organization looks ahead to new opportunities and challenges over the next few years, it seems an appropriate time to hand over the reins to someone who can lead the Symphony through its next period of growth. My successor will come into an organization with artistic and financial strengths and one of the highest 4-star ratings for any orchestra in the country by the nonprofit watchdog, Charity Navigator."

Prior to his tenure with WSO, Reinhold contributed significantly to the orchestral music scene across the United States, including leadership roles at the Grand Teton Music Festival in Wyoming and the Fresno Philharmonic in California. Notably, he founded the National Orchestral Institute in 1988 at the University of Maryland - College Park, a program that has launched numerous musicians' careers, including several within the WSO.

Reinhold holds degrees from Bucknell University and the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and has remained an active musician, performing at events such as the WSO's Savor the Symphony fundraisers and giving piano recitals in private homes.

In retirement, Don and his wife, Pat, intend to remain residents of Wichita. They have a daughter, Becky, who is an architect and university lecturer in Seattle.

"Don Reinhold's leadership has been pivotal for the WSO. His dedication has significantly impacted our organization and the community. As we search for a new executive, we aim to build on the growth and stability Don has established." — WSO Board Chair Ebony S. Clemons

As Don Reinhold steps into retirement, the WSO expresses its deepest gratitude for his years of dedicated service and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors. The Symphony has initiated a national search for a new Executive, seeking a visionary leader to build on the legacy of Reinhold's tenure.

**About Wichita Symphony Orchestra:**

Founded in 1944, the Wichita Symphony Orchestra is dedicated to enriching lives through the beauty and power of classical music. The WSO stands as a pillar of cultural excellence in Wichita and the surrounding region, offering a vibrant array of concerts and educational programs.

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