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Tulsa Symphony names new Executive Director

Tulsa, Oklahoma

March 14, 2019 - The Board of Tulsa Symphony is delighted to announce it has hired Keith C. Elder to serve as the organization's next Executive Director.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA-The Board of the Tulsa Symphony announces that Keith C. Elder, an attorney and performing arts administrator, has been named Executive Director of the Tulsa Symphony.

Elder comes to Tulsa Symphony from the Aspen Music Festival and School, widely regarded as one of the top classical musical festivals in the United States, where he was General Manager and Vice President. Prior to his time in Aspen, he was Director of Concert Activities and Artistic and Executive Director of Presentations with the Eastman School of Music, Vice President of Operations at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and held various positions over 18 years at the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Boston Pops and Tanglewood Music Center. He is a member of the bar of the United States Supreme Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and State of New York. He holds a BS in music and arts administration from Indiana University (concentrations in tuba and technical theater) and a JD from New England Law.

"I am very excited to join the Tulsa Symphony as it continues a leadership role in classical music and music education. I admire the TSO's consummate musicians and look forward to our important work together." says Elder.

The unanimous recommendation of the search committee followed a nationwide search. "The Board of Directors is pleased we were able to bring someone to the Tulsa Symphony with the administrative skills, breadth of experience, and vision possessed by Keith Elder," commented Board President Deborah Shallcross.

Tulsa Symphony was founded in 2005 as a professional orchestra in which musicians are an integral part of all orchestra operations, an innovative performing arts model that has earned national recognition. In October 2018, TSO Executive Director Ronald Predl announced his plan to retire in the summer of 2019 after ten years of service to the organization.

Elder will move to Tulsa with his wife, Felicia, and start his new position on August 5.

ABOUT TULSA SYMPHONY

The Tulsa Symphony, founded in 2005, has an innovative structure which integrates orchestra musicians into all levels of governance, planning, and staff. This successful structure is nationally recognized and unique to the classical music industry. Tulsa Symphony is a leader in classical music and music education and presents over 30 major performances per season which touch over 55,000 people and has an education program that reaches over 20,000 children in the Northeast Oklahoma region. At the forefront of the orchestra is artistic integrity, collaborating with artists such as Joshua Bell, Amy Grant, Eric Whitacre, and Hanson.

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