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**KSO Executive Director Jennifer Barlament appointed General Manager of The Cleveland Orchestra.
Judy Jolliffe named Interim Executive Director.**



KALAMAZOO- Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Jennifer Barlament has accepted the position of General Manager of The Cleveland Orchestra. She will begin her duties in Cleveland under the leadership of Executive Director Gary Hanson on September 23, 2013.

Jennifer Barlament joined the KSO as Executive Director in 2009. Under her strong leadership, the KSO has achieved success with events such as the Pops series and performances by international superstars Yo-Yo Ma, Lang Lang, and the upcoming performance and community residency with violinist Midori. According to Barlament, “The opportunity to present artists of this caliber with this orchestra has been incredible, and the impact they have had on our attendance and support has been significant.” The KSO also saw record high ticket sales for the 2012-2013 season.

Barlament’s tenure at the KSO has also seen the development and growth of the orchestra’s education programs. In addition to its existing education programs, which serve nearly 40,000 students throughout Southwest Michigan every year, the orchestra has added two significant new programs; Marvelous Music, a music curriculum offered through HeadStart, KRESA Great Start, and other programs serving at-risk preschoolers; and Kids In Tune, an intensive afterschool orchestra program at Woods Lake Elementary. Both programs are based on research showing strong connections between studying music and success in school and life.

Barlament attributes the orchestra’s success directly to community and donor support; “We are extremely grateful for the strong way that Kalamazoo has responded to the KSO’s new direction. Nothing we do is possible without our loyal supporters.”

The Cleveland Orchestra is one of the few American orchestras considered to be among the best in the world, touring internationally regularly under the leadership of Music Director Franz Welser-Möst. Barlament is excited to begin her “dream job” however, she describes her departure as “bitter sweet.” “I will especially miss working with KSO Music Director Raymond Harvey, our extraordinary musicians, and remarkable administrative staff,” said Barlament. “Work is fun if you have the right people to work with. It has been a privilege to serve this great community.”

Jennifer Barlament’s final concert at the KSO will be the orchestra’s first concert of the season, Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 2, Saturday, September 21st.

Judy Jolliffe named Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Interim Executive Director



KALAMAZOO- The Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra announces that Kalamazoo arts advocate Judy Jolliffe will serve as its interim executive director while the KSO Board begins a search for a new permanent executive director.

A knowledgeable and well-respected figure in the Kalamazoo arts community, Judy Jolliffe has served as both the interim director and executive director for the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. She also served as president of The Gilmore International Keyboard Festival, as well as their interim executive director. Jolliffe has also served on the boards of the Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival, Education for the Arts, and the Plaza Arts Circle. She had a hand in the development of the Epic Center, creating a central hub for several of Kalamazoo’s arts organizations, and in the recent refurbishment of Chenery Auditorium.

Jolliffe states “I am very pleased to have this opportunity to assist the KSO during the transition, and I look forward to working with their excellent staff and board of directors.”

Doug Phillips, Board President of the KSO said, “While the Kalamazoo Symphony is sad to see Jennifer Barlament leave, we are thrilled for her to have this wonderful opportunity to grow and advance her personal development. We thank Jennifer for her strong leadership and guidance during her four and a half years with the KSO. We look forward to continuing to build on the many wonderful programs, both musically and educationally, we provide to our community and are confident Judy Jolliffe will do a

fantastic job leading us during this time of transition. We are in the process of forming a search committee to identify our next Executive Director and look forward to a wonderful season.”

Now in its ninety-third year, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra provides powerful musical experiences and inspiring educational programming that stimulate audiences from the inside out. The KSO is proud to offer sixteen different performances this year with a variety of music styles and performances. For more information on the 2013-2014 season visit www.kalamazoosymphony.com.