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Columbus Philharmonic Announces Interim Executive Director

Thursday, November 21, 2019 (Columbus, IN) - The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Board of Directors announces the appointment of Tracy L. Haddad as Interim Executive Director for one year while the board pursues an Executive Director search. We are confident she will provide strong leadership during this time of transition following the retirement of Margaret Powers.

Serving on the Board of Directors since 2016, Tracy has extensive experience working in non-profit and corporate management, with an impressive skillset including grant processing, budget development, media and communications, and program development and implementation. She has served on the Board of Directors for the following organizations: Indianapolis Public Library Foundation, Imoca, Impact 100 of Greater Indianapolis (served as Director of Grants), Indiana Landmarks, Arizona 5 Arts Circle and was recently elected to the Heritage Fund Board of Directors. Tracy has managed her family foundation's website, grant processing and all the non-profit communications.



Tracy is looking forward to serving in this critical role, and offers her thoughts: "I want to express my sincere appreciation to the board for allowing me this opportunity to step in as Interim Executive Director for the CIP. Our board, as well as the community, continue to advocate for the Phil by volunteering, attending concerts, and most importantly by generously sponsoring CIP programs and events. Without all of this support, the CIP would not be an integral part of this community. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel to this community for its generosity. This continued passion for and belief in the CIP's mission is what will carry us through this *transitional* time, keeping us on track to a bright and prosperous future."

In announcing this appointment, Barry Turner, Board of Directors President, says, "In choosing an Interim Executive Director, the Board started by identifying immediate priorities for the coming months, including building trust, improving communications, and filling key leadership positions. We believe Tracy is the right person to lead the organization while it addresses these and other important issues."

Tracy will partner with the Board of Directors on organizational planning and the Executive Director search. She will also oversee staff operations and the transition to the newly renovated and expanded box office and event center at 315 Franklin Street. Construction of the building is on schedule for an April 2020 grand opening.

The Board of Directors will be initiating a search for a permanent Executive Director soon, and we are seeking the input of staff, board members, the arts community, and our many dedicated stakeholders in the community as we take our next steps toward our exciting future.

Columbus native and graduate of Columbus North High School and Purdue University, Tracy lives in Columbus and has three sons and two grandsons.

ABOUT THE COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC

Founded in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and Artistic Director David Bowden have received local, state, national and international recognition, winning five ASCAP awards for Creative Programming and consistently receiving rave reviews for their performances. With a full complement of concerts and music education programs, the Philharmonic is proud to be one of the arts organizations that contribute to the rich quality of life enjoyed by residents of Columbus and South-Central Indiana.

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