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LINDA ESTEP APPOINTED CONDUCTOR OF WILMINGTON SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

WILMINGTON, NC, March 18, 2022 – After serving 20 years as conductor of the Wilmington Symphony Youth Orchestra, Dr. Steven Errante will pass the baton to the Youth Orchestra’s new conductor, Linda Estep. Errante will still serve as conductor of the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra.

Accomplished violinist, Linda Estep is an active performer, teacher, and the Artistic Director of the Brooklyn Arts Music Academy. She is a Wilmington Symphony Orchestra violinist and performs regularly with the Tallis Chamber Orchestra and the Opera Wilmington Orchestra.

Linda has over 15 years of experience teaching private lessons, group lessons, and general music classes. Beginning in high school she realized her love of teaching and her desire to share this love with others around her and dreamed of one day conducting an orchestra.

“It was at Linda’s first rehearsal that I knew she was perfect for the position. She is so in tune with the music and what the kids are doing. Linda was singing the parts to help the kids learn the music and she didn’t even need to look at the music score, she knew the music inside and out. Her confidence” says Wilmington Symphony Orchestra’s executive director, Liz Scanlon.

About Wilmington Symphony Orchestra

Founded in 1971, the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra (WSO) provides symphonic music at the highest degree of excellence through performance opportunities for regional musicians and educational programs for our community’s youth.

WSO will celebrate its 50th Anniversary during the 2021/2022 Concert Season at the Wilson Center CFCC. The orchestra is comprised of 65 to 70 experienced musicians from around the Cape Fear region. Dr. Steven Errante has served as Conductor of the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra for 35 years.

The WSO also provides both performance opportunities and an array of unique educational programs for Wilmington and Cape Fear region residents through its Music For Youth education programs. These education programs include the Wilmington Symphony Youth Orchestra, Junior Strings, a Free Family Concert, WSO's Classical Kids, Play It Forward, Tickets For Students, the annual Richard R. Deas Young Artists Concerto Competition, Rockestra, and Artist In Residence Programs in area schools. The Music For Youth education programs impact 2,500 students in Southeastern North Carolina each year!

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