



**WILMINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
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## **WILMINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA NAMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**WILMINGTON, NC, September 23, 2020** – The Wilmington Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors have added two new board members. New members elected to serve three-year terms on the board of directors of Wilmington Symphony Orchestra are: Dr. Coleman Burgess and Kimberley Cheatham.

**Dr. Coleman Burgess:** Dr. Burgess is a life-long resident of North Carolina and has been in dental practice here since 1986. After receiving his doctorate of Dental Surgery from UNC-Chapel Hill, he completed his post graduate work at the Center for Advanced Dental Study in St. Petersburg, Florida, as well as the Kois Center and the Piper Clinic. As well as being a Board member of the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Burgess is Principal Clarinetist and chairs the Artistic Committee. He is a volunteer dentist at the Tileston Outreach Dental Clinic and at the St. Mary's Dental and Medical Clinic, also serving on their board of directors.

**Kimberley Cheatham:** Kimberley currently serves as Outreach Coordinator for the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion at UNCW. Her tenure at UNCW has involved implementing programs for non-profit organizations, and designing programs for K-12 and enrolled, underrepresented students and as a Senior Assistant Director in the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid. Prior to moving to Wilmington, she held positions that involved grant writing and grant administration. She values creativity and inclusiveness as important elements in making things happen and enjoys collaborations that create opportunities for others.

**[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 50<sup>th</sup> 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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