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## **MATT HILLIARD JOINS WILMINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WILMINGTON, NC, July 8, 2021** – Matt Hilliard with Bank OZK was elected to serve on the board of directors of Wilmington Symphony Orchestra.

Matt Hilliard was born and raised in Wilmington NC. He is married to Bess (20 years) and has two daughters, Tory (10) and Ella (8). He started his banking career in 1999 with Central Carolina Bank based in Durham NC. Matt has served roles in banking including personal banker, mortgage lender, business banker, private banker, and commercial lender. His current role with Bank OZK, based out of Little Rock Arkansas, is that of commercial lender.

Matt is a member of St. Andrew's Covenant Presbyterian Church and serves as an elder. Matt is also a member of the Wilmington Rotary Club and has 7 years total in Rotary Clubs. Matt serves on the City of Wilmington loan review board. He is involved in the YMCA's Y Guides program that helps strengthen relationships between kids and their parents. Matt's passion for Wilmington stems from having great parents as role models who taught him to care for his community and all of those in need.

In his free time, Matt enjoys playing tennis and competes in tournaments. Matt loves all types of music and has taken guitar lessons for three years.

### **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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