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## Peoria Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Susan Hoffman Set to Retire at the End of April

*Hoffman has been leading the PSO as Executive Director since 2012.*

Peoria, IL – The Peoria Symphony Orchestra (PSO) announces the official retirement of Executive Director, Susan Hoffman effective April 30, 2022. As Executive Director, Hoffman led the PSO to achieve a substantial increase in revenue, profitability, sustainability, and subscribing patrons.

“It has been an honor to serve as Executive Director of the PSO for the last ten years. I want to offer my sincere thanks to our Board of Directors, subscribers, patrons, donors, communities, and musicians for their ongoing support,” said Susan Hoffman, Executive Director of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra. “I also want to thank all those I have worked with on the PSO team over the years whose hard work and dedication have allowed us to achieve so much.”

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, the PSO staff, and PSO musicians, we want to thank Susan for her leadership and impact,” said Brian Buralli, Board President of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra. “A steadfast and strategic leader, Susan has guided the PSO since 2012, during which she has been instrumental in continuing the standard of excellence the PSO has had for the last 124 years. The Board is sincerely grateful to Susan for her dedication to the PSO and wishes her nothing but the best in this next chapter of her life.”

“Susan deserves many accolades for her tenure as the PSO’s Executive Director. But the one I’d like to offer is my high regard for her ability to coalesce an effective team in the office and on the board,” said Maestro George Stelluto, Music Director of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra. “She was able to profit from the fruits of both competitive and cooperative organizational dynamics in pursuit of solutions to the many different challenges the PSO faced during her time here.”

Before becoming Executive Director of the PSO in 2012, Hoffman began her 36-year orchestral management career as President and CEO of the Adrian Symphony Orchestra in Michigan, a position she held for 23 years. She then served as Director of Patron Relationship Management with The Cleveland Orchestra before joining the PSO in 2012.



George Stelluto • Music Director

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Hoffman holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Adrian College in Adrian, MI, and is a Graduate and Fellow of the Michigan Community Arts Leadership Academy. She has served as a consultant to arts organizations in various states and as a state grant reviewer. She has been active with the League of American Orchestras serving as an officer on the Leadership team, participating in the Institutional Vision Program, and presenting at Orchestra Leadership Academy, annual Manager's meetings, and conferences.

An official release announcing Hoffman's replacement will be sent out later this month.

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Founded in 1897, the Peoria Symphony Orchestra (PSO) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to entertain, educate, and inspire through music. The PSO presents excellent live musical performances, innovative music education programs, and engaging community outreach efforts, which significantly impact the cultural and economic vitality of central Illinois.

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