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WSO Announces New Executive Director

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Waterbury, CT – Following a nation-wide search, the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra (WSO) has unanimously selected Robert Cinnante as Executive Director. As Executive Director, Robert will provide leadership and vision to fulfill the orchestra's mission and achieve its goals for artistic excellence, financial stability, development and community engagement.

Robert Cinnante is a community-driven arts leader with more than a decade of combined experience as a performer and arts administrator. His appointment as Executive Director at the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra, beginning May 2017, comes after having served as the Statewide Director of Education & Outreach at Virginia Opera. Previously he was the General Manager of Music for Food, a musician-led initiative for hunger-relief founded by Grammy Award winning

violinist Kim Kashkashian, a position he held from 2013 to 2015. Cinnante also regularly acts as a consultant to artists and arts organizations, which have included Emmanuel Feldman, D'Anna Fortunato, Sir James Galway, Formosa Quartet, Benoit Rolland, Triple Helix Piano Trio, and Virginia Commonwealth University's Global Summer Institute of Music. He has also written a number of articles and delivered numerous lectures on a variety of topics surrounding the arts, such as arts education, audience and community engagement, and career preparation for young musicians. Cinnante is a graduate of the New England Conservatory in Boston, Massachusetts, where he received a Bachelor and Master of Music, studying with Vinson Cole and Patricia Misslin.

"I'm absolutely delighted that Robert Cinnante will be joining the WSO family," said WSO Music Director Leif Bjaland, "He has an excellent background in the arts and is extremely knowledgeable of all genres of music. I believe he will be a tremendous asset to the WSO as well as the entire Waterbury arts community."

To celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra, Music Director Leif Bjaland to announce the upcoming season. The 2017-2018 season concert series will be expanded with the introduction of "Music in Great Spaces." Check www.waterburysymphony.org to preview the exciting upcoming season!

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