



## New Hampshire Philharmonic Announces New Executive Director

(May 11, 2017, Derry, NH) – The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra is pleased to announce that Cathy Kaplan, of Concord, NH, has assumed the position of Executive Director effective May 5, 2017. “We are exceptionally pleased to have engaged Cathy and her amazing skill set of leadership, creativity and development experience in the non-profit world,” said Gary Miller, President of the New Hampshire Philharmonic’s Board of Directors. “Kaplan is expected to bring the exuberance and leadership necessary to help the NH Phil build a firm foundation in our new home at Stockbridge Theatre, while also cultivating a growing audience base and developing new corporate relationships within the Greater Derry community.”

Cathy Kaplan comes to the NH Philharmonic with a varied background in the arts, education, and in non-profit management. From 1999 – 2013, she served as marketing and communications manager for the Concord Community Music School. More recently, she oversaw the *Humanities to Go* Program, a statewide speakers bureau, at New Hampshire Humanities in Concord. A flutist, pianist and visual artist, she served on the board of the Concord Community Concert Association overseeing student outreach and cultivating corporate sponsorships. She is currently president of the Concord Schools Friends of Performing Arts. An artist representative, Kaplan has also worked as an arts facilitator and educator in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Program in the Concord, NH School District. Kaplan holds an Ed.M. in Arts in Education from Harvard University, an M.A. in Education from Goddard College, and a B.A. in Art History from Wellesley College.

“I am thrilled to have been invited to join the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra organization and am eager to work alongside conductor Mark Latham, the board, staff, and members of the orchestra,” said Kaplan. “The opportunity to support and to further the mission and vision of the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra presents a host of unique and exciting challenges. I look forward to the upcoming final concert of the 2016-17 season on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at the Stockbridge Theatre in Derry, NH and to bringing the excitement of these performances into the summer months as we prepare for the start of a new season – including a redesign of the NH Philharmonic’s website.” Cathy resides in Concord with her husband and two children, students at Concord High School.

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