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**Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra hires new Executive Director**

Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra Board President Ana Schneider is pleased to announce the selection of Caleb Bailey as the new Executive Director of the ECSO. Mr. Bailey is currently Orchestra Manager of Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Bailey will be replacing current Executive Director, Isabelle Singer, who is retiring in June after 31 years at the helm of the ECSO. A search committee of seven people from the ECSO Board and Orchestra, assisted by Polly Kahn of PK Orchestra Solutions of New York City, conducted an extensive national search of industry professionals. 3 finalists were selected and brought to New London for interviews with members of the ECSO Board, musicians, community leaders and supporters. Board President Ana Schneider had the following statement upon Bailey accepting the position: *"On behalf of the board we are looking forward to a new chapter in the life of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra. These are exciting times for the ECSO!"* Upon notification of his selection Mr. Bailey had the following statement: *"I am absolutely thrilled to have been selected as the next Executive Director for the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra. Isabelle Singer has increased this organization's capacity to serve its community over the years, and it will be an honor to continue in that tradition. When visiting with constituents in March, it was very clear to me that this is a community that holds its orchestra in high regard. I am beyond excited to meet more of the people who care so much about the ECSO and to begin the next chapter of my career."* Mr. Bailey held his current position at Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra since 2010. He is also enrolled in the League of American Orchestra's Emerging Leaders Program designed to identify, develop and support the next generation of orchestra leaders. Only a handful of participants are selected nationwide for this two-year program. Mr. Bailey has a Bachelor of Arts-Communication Studies degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and has completed the League of American Orchestras' Essentials of Orchestra Management course. Mr. Bailey will be starting his duties as ECSO Executive Director as of July 1, 2015.

