

Cascade Festival of Music Names New Executive Director

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The Cascade Festival of Music yesterday announced the appointment of its new Executive Director, Kathleen Cody, who was selected following an extensive and thorough executive search process. Cody will begin her new position on December 1. "The successful management and growth of nonprofit organizations has been the foundation and focus of my career," said Cody. "With 25 years of experience, I can clearly see that the future of the Cascade Festival of Music is one of great promise." Kathleen Cody, new Executive Director of the Cascade Festival of Music Prior to joining the Cascade Festival of Music, Cody was Director of Bend's Working Wonders Children's Museum, where she managed all museum operations and the organization's fundraising program. A Bend resident from 1981 to 1988, Cody returned to Central Oregon this year after living in New England, where she served as the Executive Director of the internationally-based Progeria Research Foundation, located in Boston, Mass. "We are thrilled to have found someone of Kathleen's background and knowledge to manage the future fortunes of the Cascade Festival of Music," said Michael Mount, President of the Cascade Festival of Music Board of Directors. "Her demonstrated fundraising skills, her extensive management experience plus her 25 years of involvement in the non-profit community make her the perfect Executive Director for our organization. We could not be more pleased." Cody's previous experience in the Bend area includes serving as the Executive Director of the Central Oregon Visitor's Association (then known as CORA) from 1984-1988, where she secured public funding from Deschutes County, the State of Oregon, the regional visitor industry and private individuals. Prior to joining COVA, Cody was assistant to the Director of the Economic Development Council (now known as EDCO) from 1981-1984. In her work as a nonprofit consultant from 1990 to 2005, Cody provided fundraising and management counsel to over 30 organizations, including the I Have a Dream Foundation of Oregon, the Oregon Film and Video Foundation, the Hollywood Theatre Restoration Project, Multnomah County CASA, and the Oregon Coast Association. Cody has incorporated her career as a nonprofit professional into her personal life as well, through her service on numerous Boards of Directors, including the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Fundraising Executives (now known as AFP), Young Audiences of Oregon and SW Washington, Loaves & Fishes and the Cascade Festival of Music, in its formative years. Celebrating its 26th Season in 2007, the Cascade Festival of Music is the largest cultural musical event in Bend and Central Oregon. Under the artistic direction of Murry Sidlin, the Cascade Festival of Music is recognized throughout the Northwest for the quality of its offerings and outstanding performances. Maestro Sidlin is now in his 12th year with the Festival. The Festival presents classical orchestral, pops, world music and children's concerts over eight days in August. The organization also presents musical events throughout the year, including the Nutcracker Ballet in December and the "Music to Warm Your Winter" series.

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