

PRINCETON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Princeton Symphony Orchestra appoints new board president, slate of officers at annual meeting

Princeton, NJ, June 28, 2010 ... **The Princeton Symphony Orchestra** has announced the appointment of Princeton Township resident **David A. Tierno** as President of the Board of Trustees at its annual general meeting, held on June 21 at the home of Joyce and Georg Albers-Schonberg. Mr. Tierno, who was elected to a three-year term, begins his new duties effective immediately. He follows the six-year tenure of former Board President **Caren Sturges** of Princeton Township, who was named President Emerita by the board.

The following officers were also elected, marking a continued commitment to strong leadership for the orchestra: **Richard J. Levine**, Vice President; **John J. Kerr, Jr.**, Treasurer; and **Rachel Gray**, Secretary.

The annual meeting included a tribute to Ms. Sturges, who will continue to serve as a trustee. The board honored her many accomplishments during a multi-year transition phase for the orchestra. Under Ms. Sturges' guidance, the PSO benefited from significant growth and stability and was critically praised for the vibrancy of its artistic programming. In addition, her leadership skills were key to strengthening the management of the PSO: A new Executive Director, Melanie Clarke, was appointed in 2007, and new Music Director, Rossen Milanov, joined the PSO in 2009, following a two-year search. During Ms. Sturges' term as Board President, the PSO maintained sound financial footing despite a fluctuating economy.

"We have a lot to be proud of as we look to the continued growth of the PSO. All of these accomplishments did not happen by accident," said Mr. Tierno. "Caren consistently demonstrated the courage and determination to deal with the most challenging issues."

Ms. Sturges, a dedicated volunteer for many organizations, including St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton and the Princeton University Art Museum, was the mentor for the Education for Ministry program for 11 years at Princeton's Trinity Church.

A seven-year member of the PSO board and its former Treasurer, Mr. Tierno retired as a senior partner with Ernst & Young after a 36-year career in the Management Consulting Division. He held a number of senior management positions, including Managing Director for the New York Region and Chief Human Resources Officer for the Americas Region.

Mr. Tierno has long been active in many professional and community organizations, including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Management Consulting Firms and the board of directors of the Philadelphia College of Performing Arts. For several years, he was Special Advisor to the Dean of the Rider School of Business. Locally he has served the Docent Association and the Friends of the Princeton University Art Museum, the Bedens Brook Club and the 55+ Princeton Pikers Investment Partnership.

A graduate of St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Mr. Tierno is affiliated with that institution's boards at the Haub School of Business and Pedro Arrupe Center for Business Ethics.

The PSO is proud to announce the election of the following trustees to one-year terms as officers:

Richard J. Levine, Vice President

A Princeton Township resident and member of the board for six years, Mr. Levine is president of the Dow Jones News Fund, Inc., a foundation dedicated to promoting careers in journalism. He has served as a reporter, columnist, editor and senior news executive with The Wall Street Journal and Dow Jones & Company. Until 2006, Mr. Levine was vice president of Dow Jones for news and staff development. In his last full-time position in a career spanning more than 40 years, he was responsible for expanding coordination and collaboration between the staffs of the company's two largest news departments, The Wall Street Journal and Dow Jones Newswires. A pioneer in electronic publishing, he was named the company's first editorial director of database publishing in 1980 and nurtured the development of The Wall Street Journal Online.

A former U.S. Army lieutenant, Mr. Levine spent many years as a foreign correspondent and in the Washington, D.C. bureau of The Wall Street Journal. He is a trustee of the Princeton Public Library, a director of the National Junior Tennis League of Trenton, a member of the alumni association board of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and a former trustee of the McCarter Theatre Center. Mr. Levine holds a bachelor's degree from Cornell University and a master's degree from the Columbia School of Journalism, where he was named First Pulitzer Traveling Fellow.

John J. Kerr, Jr., Treasurer

A history and economics major who attended Boston College and the London School of Economics and Political Science, Mr. Kerr worked as an archeologist in Greece under the auspices of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens and the University of Pennsylvania before earning his J.D. at Columbia Law School in 1976.

This year Mr. Kerr retired as a partner of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York, where he worked since 1983 and was head of the firm's International Litigation and Arbitration Group. He now dedicates his time to serving as an arbitrator in international arbitrations. Mr. Kerr is a director and member of the Executive Committee of the American Arbitration Association and President of the American Foreign Law Association. His other professional associations include the American Bar Association, the International Bar Association, the Federal Bar Council, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Federal Bar Council, and the London Court of International Arbitration.

Mr. Kerr, who lives in Princeton Borough and has served on the PSO board for a year, has been a director for the New York Landmarks Conservancy since 1988 and served as its chairman from 2001-2006. He is a member of the Columbia Law School Board of Visitors, the Columbia Law School Association, a director of the LSE Foundation and the Second Centennial Fund, and is on the Executive Committee of the Friends of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton.

Rachel Gray, Secretary

A longtime resident of Princeton Township and a PSO Trustee for five years, Ms. Gray retired from the Institute for Advanced Study in 2006, where she served as Associate Director and Secretary of the Corporation.

Ms. Gray is a graduate of Iowa State University and the Harvard-Radcliffe Program in Business Administration. She is a current board member of the Princeton HealthCare System Foundation and previously held positions on the boards of the Princeton Ballet, the McCarter Theatre Center and the Harvard Club of Princeton.

About the PSO

Founded in 1980 by Portia Sonnenfeld, the Princeton Symphony Orchestra has been hailed by critics as New Jersey's "virtuoso orchestra." Whether performing classical masterworks, introducing music by the most celebrated contemporary composers or delighting area schoolchildren with their first orchestra experience, the PSO is regarded as a cultural centerpiece of the Princeton community and one of the state's finest musical organizations. The PSO was led for 22 years by Music Director Mark Laycock, who oversaw a period of artistic growth and achievement. In 2009, Rossen Milanov, a gifted and accomplished conductor, was appointed the PSO's third Music Director. The New Jersey State Council on the Arts recognizes the PSO as a Major Arts Organization and it is a multiple recipient of the council's Citation of Excellence. The PSO performs at beautiful Richardson Auditorium, a historic landmark on the campus of Princeton University.

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