

For Immediate Release

Kerns Named Classic Chamber Concerts' New Executive Director



Naples, FL – 4/25/16 – Classic Chamber Concerts' (CCC) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Nancy Kerns was named the new Executive Director of the nonprofit organization during the April 20, 2016, Board Meeting.

"We're excited that Nancy accepted the position — not only does she have direct experience with Classic Chamber Concerts, she is well-known and respected in our community for her vast leadership experience in tourism, volunteer management, fundraising and special events," explains Board Chair Merlin Lickhalter.

Kerns, who has been with the organization since 2014, served as the Administrative Director for Classic Chamber Concerts, overseeing marketing, public relations and office management. In her new role, effective May 1, 2016, she will be responsible for leading staff and volunteers in enhancing CCC's mission to provide world-class music and educate and encourage young audiences to enjoy classical music.

Prior to her work with CCC, she was the Visitor Information Center Specialist with The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. In this role, she promoted tourism in Collier County by coordinating consistent information to all visitor centers in conjunction with the Naples, Marco Island and Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Additionally, Kerns remains actively involved with the Business Improvement District for 5th Avenue, Collier County Tourist Development Council, Naples Code Enforcement Board, 5th Avenue Events Committee, Collier Citizens Council, Park Shore Foundation, Baker Park Fundraising Committee and The Naples Players Committee.

A native of Indianapolis, IN, she holds a BS in Business Administration from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. She relocated to Naples in 2009.

CCC will launch its 22nd season on December 19 with the Fifth Avenue Chamber Orchestra and special guests, The Peliska Brothers, Joseph and Sam. For information on subscriptions for the Classic Chamber Concerts, please call The Sugden Theatre box office at 239. 263.7990. To learn more about Classic Chamber Concerts, please visit www.ClassicChamberConcerts.org, or call 239.434.8505.

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classical music. For the 22nd Season, guests will experience world-class performing artists and ensembles kicking off with the Fifth Avenue Chamber Orchestra and special guests The Peliska Brothers; an original composition by Pulitzer Prize winning composer, Aaron Jay Kernis performed by the Jasper String Quartet; the return of The Manhattan Piano Trio; world renowned violinist Nadir Khashimov, star trumpeter, Mary Bowden; Costa Rican pianist, Dainela Navarro; and Max Rabinovitsj and Friends. To learn more, please visit www.ClassicChamberConcerts.org, or call 239.434.8505.

Photo: Nancy Kerns, new Executive Director of Classic Chamber Concerts