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WYSO Welcomes New Board Members

The Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras (WYSO) elected new members to its Board of Directors and Advisors this month.

Susan Collins will join the WYSO Board as a director. Ms. Collins is a Senior Vice President and Fiduciary Law Senior Counsel for Associated Bank, where she provides legal advice to management and staff on personal trust and other fiduciary matters. Ms. Collins has also worked as a journalist and as an editor. Her editing experience includes work as a manuscript editor for the State Bar of Wisconsin CLE Books. She also served as a legal writing specialist at Valparaiso School of Law.

William Steckelberg will join the WYSO Board as a director. Mr. Steckelberg currently works at SagePoint Financial as a Financial Advisor. As a chaperone on two of the international tours he gained a great appreciation of the amazing talent of the WYSO participants and is excited to help sustain the opportunity not only for current participants, but for those in the future that wish to participate and develop their talent. Mr. Steckelberg also serves as a board member on the Glacier's Edge Council, B.S.A..

Lynn Stathas will join the WYSO Board as a director. Ms. Stathas is currently an attorney and shareholder at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c.. Ms. Stathas currently also serves on the board of the Wisconsin Union Board of Trustees, the Madison Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors, and the U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin Board of Governors. She is a firm believer in the importance of the arts.

Richard Hammerstrom will join the WYSO Board as a director. Mr. Hammerstrom is a retired legal, financial, and management professional. He has a unique appreciation of the potential of the youth in our community, and a heightened awareness of critical importance of the community's making available the opportunities for our youth to pursue the fulfillment of that potential. Currently, Mr. Hammerstrom serves as a board member of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Madison.

WYSO's Executive Director **Bridget Fraser** shared, "I am pleased to welcome these passionate and talented new members to the WYSO Board of Directors. With their assistance, WYSO will continue to thrive as one of the top youth orchestra programs in the country, bringing music education and performance opportunities to dedicated young people regardless of economic circumstances."