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Kevin Rhodes
Music Director

Celebrating twin 19th anniversary seasons as Music Director of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and our Traverse Symphony Orchestra, Kevin Rhodes enjoys an exceptionally varied international career, leading concert, opera and ballet performances with over 50 orchestras in 16 countries. For a tenth season, he continues as Principal Conductor of the Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Boston.

In addition to dozens of performances with his orchestras in Boston, Springfield and Traverse City, Kevin Rhodes’ current season includes his returns to Austria’s Weiner Staatsballett and Italy’s La Scala Ballet, leading productions of Delibes’ Sylvia with both companies, and The Norwegian National Ballet. Of special note is his again conducting the Weiner Staatsballett’s season-concluding Nureyev Gala, celebrating the famed dancer and choreographer’s life and artistry with soloists and guests from around the world. Mr. Rhodes also makes his debut with the Ballet of Die Theater Chemnitz in Germany.

Kevin Rhodes has been a presence in the major musical capitals of Europe for over two decades, leading major productions at the Paris Opera, Vienna State Opera, Berlin State Opera, Milan’s Teatro alla Scala, Dutch National Ballet, The Norwegian National Ballet, Verona Ballet and Stuttgart Ballet. In 2019, his career expanded geographically with an important debut with Seoul’s Korean National Ballet, leading a production of Renato Zanella’s Mata Hari. His work with many of these illustri-
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The Traverse Symphony Orchestra Welcomes New Executive Director, Dr. Kedrik Merwin!

This is a new day at the TSO! Kedrik brings to the Symphony his leadership and administrative expertise from ten years as the Music Director at Interlochen Center for the Arts, his many years of orchestral experience, extensive education and a lifelong commitment to the arts. Board member Bob Giles states, “We are very excited by the potential Kedrik brings, not only his extensive music background and knowledge of the Grand Traverse community, but his ideas for how the orchestra can serve the community. His vision fits so well with the idea that Traverse City should be more than a festival town - we should point our aspirations toward becoming a major cultural center anchored by a fine symphony orchestra.”

Kedrik Merwin is an accomplished musician, educator, and arts leader. He has had a thirty-year career as an orchestral musician playing trombone with the Augusta Symphony, Savannah Symphony, Columbus Symphony, Atlanta Symphony, Atlanta Pops, Augusta Opera, and many other orchestras throughout the southeast. For the past seven years he has performed with the Traverse Symphony Orchestra. In addition to his orchestral work Dr. Merwin is a respected leader in the arts having recently been a featured presenter at the “International Conference on Thinking”, “Ireland International Conference on Education,” and was invited to participate in Harvard University’s “Think Tank on Global Education.”

Dr. Merwin has won awards for “experiential leadership” by North Carolina Outward Bound, and the Pam Smart award for “innovative and motivational teaching” from the Galloway School in Atlanta. He has taught trombone master classes at the prestigious Shanghai Conservatory as well as in Portugal, Japan, Singapore and Norway.

Kedrik and his wife Sarah have been active members of the Grand Traverse community for the past ten years. In addition to serving as Director of Music at Interlochen Center for the Arts, Kedrik has been performing in the Bay Area Big Band, while Sarah teaches math at Interlochen Arts Academy. Their three children attended West Middle and High Schools and participated in many productions at the Old Town Playhouse.

Whether hiking at the dunes with their dogs, kayaking on the Boardman river, or eating at one of the many great Traverse City restaurants, the Merwin family is grateful to call Traverse City home. Kedrik looks forward to contributing to the advancement of the arts and cultural life of the region through his leadership of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Merwin holds the degrees D.M.A. in Trombone Performance from the Eastman School of Music, M.M. in Trombone Performance from Northwestern University, and B.M. in Trombone Performance from St. Olaf College.