



News Update

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Suzanne Wilson named President and CEO of Rockport Music

Rockport Music announced today the appointment of Suzanne Wilson as its new President and CEO, effective July 1, 2024. Her hiring concludes a comprehensive international search process guided by Arts Consulting Group. She will succeed President and CEO Tony Beadle who was in the role for 14 years.

As President and CEO, Wilson will lead Rockport Music and the Shalin Liu Performance Center, which presents over 170 concerts and events annually. Founded in 1981 as the Rockport Chamber Music Festival, Rockport Music's offerings include year-round presentations of jazz, folk, pop and global music, as well as premiere HD broadcasts. The Education and Community Partnerships program provides learning opportunities and hands-on musical experiences to the Cape Ann and Boston Northshore communities.

Rockport Music's Board of Trustees Chair Jeannie McIntyre shared that, "We are thrilled that Suzanne will bring to Rockport Music her deep love of music, a breadth and diversity of arts management experience, particularly in the Boston and New York City areas, her talent as a strong arts advocate and collaborator, and her belief in the power and importance of music education. We look forward with great excitement to a bright future with Suzanne as she leads Rockport Music to new heights while embracing our mission and passion for excellence."

Wilson stated, "I am excited and incredibly proud to serve as the next President and CEO of Rockport Music. I have a profound admiration for its rich tradition of presenting diverse music and educational experiences and bringing audiences together at the stunning Shalin Liu Performance Center. It is my honor to partner with the dedicated Board of Trustees, the Artistic Director of Classical Music Barry Shiffman, and the talented team as we continue to champion the musicianship, innovation and spirit of this remarkable institution. I am also greatly looking forward to becoming a part of the warm and welcoming Rockport community."

After spending time living in London with family, Wilson looks forward to returning to the United States. She previously served as President and CEO of the Phoenix Symphony where she led a strategic and financial turnaround of the organization. Prior to that role, she was the Executive Director of the Midori Foundation where she served as a leader for the preeminent

provider of high-quality music education to New York City public schools in underserved communities.

Wilson has deep roots in the Boston area where she has served as the Chief of Staff of New England Conservatory (NEC). Prior to that position, Wilson worked as the Director of the Office of External Affairs & Partnerships for the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation headquartered in Boston. She also served as the Vice President of Education & Community Engagement for the Celebrity Series of Boston for 12 years.

Wilson is a graduate of Kenyon College with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. In addition, she is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Executive Education Program, Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management.

Wilson's headshot is available for [download here](#). Venue photos of the Shalin Liu Performance Center are available at Rockport Music's [press page](#).

ABOUT ROCKPORT MUSIC

Founded in 1981 as the Rockport Chamber Music Festival, Rockport Music presents exceptional concerts and cultural events in the "stunning acoustics and dramatic setting" (*Boston Globe*) of the Shalin Liu Performance Center. Best known for its summer chamber music festival featuring some of the world's finest ensembles and soloists, Rockport Music has expanded its offerings to include year-round presentations of jazz, folk, pop, and world music, high-definition broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera and National Theatre (London), and special film presentations. Education and community outreach activities serve thousands of students and adults throughout Cape Ann and the North Shore annually.