



## **Camerata Pacifica Hires Amy Williams as Managing Director**

(January 17, Santa Barbara, CA) – Camerata Pacifica is excited to announce that the organization has selected Dr. Amy Williams to serve as its first Managing Director. Dr. Williams begins her tenure on March 1.

Prior to this move Dr. Williams worked with the Santa Barbara Symphony as Director of Artistic Administration and Education. In this position she built strong community ties to the organization and helped fulfill the organization's mission to become a resource for high quality education and artistic performances. She joined the Association of California Symphony Orchestras Board of Directors in order to connect with and share ideas to further these goals throughout the state. From 2007-2011, Dr. Williams was the Production and Education Manager with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra where she worked closely with concert programming and directed their educational activities.

"We are excited to welcome Amy to Camerata Pacifica, and start working together during this pivotal time in our organization's history," says Adrian Spence, Artistic Director, Camerata Pacifica. "Amy brings a breadth of educational and arts experience to her new position, along with a deep commitment to community engagement, making her an ideal fit for Camerata Pacifica and our community."

"I am thrilled to join Camerata Pacifica, its esteemed musicians and Board of Directors, and work alongside Adrian Spence, who has achieved remarkable success over the course of the organization's 28 seasons," says Dr. Williams. "There are many exciting possibilities ahead of us as we build upon the organizations continued growth, and lead Camerata Pacifica to the next level of excellence."

"We wish Amy much continued success as she embarks upon this new opportunity with Camerata Pacifica," says Kevin Marvin, Executive Director, Santa Barbara Symphony. "Her expertise and passion for excellence in the arts will no doubt inspire Camerata Pacifica as they build upon their current momentum and further their mission."

Dr. Williams received her Doctoral of Music Arts from The Ohio State University, Masters of Music from University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and a Bachelors of Music from Ithaca College. Amy lives in Santa Barbara with her husband Paul where she enjoys competing in the sport of triathlon.

Camerata Pacifica recently received a \$1.25 million bequest from the estate of Dr. Bernard Gondos, the largest realized bequest, and largest contribution, ever received by the organization. Additionally, Camerata Pacifica was the beneficiary of a Sotheby's musical manuscripts sale that took place on November 28, 2017 in London, and

received over £300,000 for the sale of a complete autograph score of composer Béla Bartók's Second Rhapsody for Violin and Piano and a series of over 40 autographed letters by the composer.

Please visit <http://cameratapacifica.org/> for information about Camerata Pacifica upcoming performances.

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