

The Williamsburg Symphony Announces Appointment of

MICHAEL BUTTERMAN MUSIC DIRECTOR

Executive Director, Carolyn Keurajian, announced that Michael Butterman has been appointed as the organization's new Music Director, assuming the title in July of the 2022–2023 season. This news marks the highly anticipated conclusion of the extensive search, spanning two seasons.

As guest conductor, Mr. Butterman has led many of the country's preeminent ensembles, including the Cleveland Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, National Symphony, Detroit Symphony, and Houston Symphony.

Best known for his acclaimed work as Music Director of the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra, and as the Music Director of the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra. Most recently, he completed a 19-year association with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra as Principal Conductor for Education and Community Engagement and a 15-year tenure with the Jacksonville Symphony as Associate and then as Resident Conductor.

Butterman is elated to return to the Commonwealth, having spent his childhood in Northern Virginia and later earning two degrees from the University of Virginia. Doctoral studies took him to Indiana University, and he was a conducting fellow at Tanglewood, studying with Seiji Ozawa and Robert Spano.

"Michael's versatility and impressive experience make him the ideal choice to lead The Williamsburg Symphony into the next era and make a profound impact on the Greater Williamsburg arts community." —Carolyn Keurajian

