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Marin Symphony Association elects new Board Officers

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Ross resident John R. Pitcairn, CPA, is MSA Board President for two-year term

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SAN RAFAEL, CA—At the annual meeting of the Marin Symphony Board of Directors, board members elected new officers for the next two-year term: John R. Pitcairn of Ross, President; Peter L.H. Thompson of San Rafael, Vice-President; Helen Willms of San Rafael, Secretary; and David Bott of San Rafael, Treasurer. In gratitude for his service to the Marin Symphony, the Board also approved the creation of a new board officer position, Immediate Past President, which will be held by Dr. James J. Boitano of San Rafael. Dr. Boitano served as Board President from 2005-2007.

Mr. Pitcairn takes up his term as Board President with extensive leadership experience in both the private and the non-profit sectors. Formerly the CFO for the Noble Land and Cattle Company and, prior to that, a CPA with Deloitte & Touche in San Francisco and Winnipeg, Canada, Mr. Pitcairn owned and operated his own CPA firm from 1965 until his retirement in 2002. As a CPA, he worked primarily as an economic damage expert in major litigation cases for clients Intel, National Semiconductor, and Insurance Company of North America, and for many other Fortune 500 firms and government agencies. In this capacity, he was frequently called upon by courts to testify and provide expert witness testimony in the evaluation of loss of income claims.

During his practice as a CPA, he served on multiple CPA committees and he has served on the boards of various real estate properties, including 101 Lombard Condominiums (as board member and board President) and Fontana East Apartment Corporation (as board member and Treasurer). He also currently serves on the building committee of St. John's Episcopal Church, Ross, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Marin Symphony since 2006. He and his wife, Maria Pitcairn, have been major contributors to many non-profits including St. John's Episcopal Church (The John & Maria Pitcairn Administrative Offices and the Maria Pitcairn Kitchen), University of Winnipeg (Pitcairn Learning Center complex) and the Marin Symphony (endowment of the podium).

Peter Thompson, an internationally award-winning Land Planner and Golf Course Architect, is a Principal and President of Thompson Golf Planning Ltd in Novato. Currently the Director of San Rafael Rotary, he has served on the Marin Symphony Board of Directors since 2006, chairing for the past two seasons the Mountain Play Fundraiser Committee. This season, he will chair the Marin Symphony's Development Committee.

Helen Willms—an appointee to the Marin Cultural Services Commission for the past eight years and a current Board member of Friends of Marin Center—has served on the Marin Symphony Board for over 25 years, longer than any other Marin Symphony Board member.

David Bott is a partner in the Larkspur accounting firm of Wilson Markle Stuckey Hardesty & Bott. He has served on the Marin Symphony Board since 1997 and has been Treasurer for the past nine years. He will continue to chair the Finance Committee.

Entering its 55th subscription season, the Marin Symphony is one of Marin County's oldest and most prestigious arts institutions. It offers six programs (twelve concerts) of meticulously selected and performed classical music during the concert season, October to May. Featured works range from time-honored classical favorites to today's most fresh and innovative compositions. The Marin Symphony's music director, Alasdair

Neale, has earned an international reputation for masterfully insightful and precise interpretations of the classical music repertoire.

In addition to the subscription season concerts, the Marin Symphony Association offers specialty Holiday and Family concerts each year. For more information about Marin Symphony events, click www.marinsymphony.org.

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