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Louisville Orchestra Announces Ken Johnson as Interim Executive Director

Louisville, KY (8.15.18)... The Louisville Orchestra welcomes Ken Johnson as its Interim Executive Director today.

Johnson, a Louisville native, served as the Executive Director of the Greeneville Symphony Orchestra from 2007 – 2012. Prior to this role, he enjoyed a long career as a Human Resources executive for IBM Corporation and Lexmark Corporation.

Additionally, Johnson has worked as a consultant and interim executive for non-profits across the country such as Habitat for Humanity, Make A Wish Foundation, and the Clifton Fine Arts Center.



Mr. Johnson stated, "I am very pleased to partner with Teddy Abrams to continue the Louisville Orchestra's mission of changing the very idea of what a 21st Century orchestra can be and do. The community will continue to see innovation, creativity, and excellence. I was a beneficiary of Robert Whitney's legacy program, MakingMusic, and it is an honor to be a part of such a rich tradition in my home town."

"We are excited to continue the artistic and administrative partnership which we enjoyed between Abrams and Kipe," stated John P. Malloy, President of the Louisville Orchestra Board. "Ken is a very qualified and capable individual with the administrative skills, passion, and commitment to Abrams' goal of opening minds and hearts to the power of music."

Andrew Kipe [announced his departure](#) in June 2018 and his final day at the Louisville Orchestra was August 8. He started as Director of Concert + Ensemble Operations at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore MD on August 13.

UPCOMING LO EVENTS

September

LG+E Free Preview Concert || 9.9.18 || 7PM || Joseph Mechavich, conductor || Iroquois Amphitheatre || 1080 Amphitheatre Rd.
Star Wars Trivia || 9/12/19 || 7PM || UpTempo Kick-Off Event || Gravely Brewing || 514 Baxter Ave.
Bernhardt Conducts John Williams || 9.15.18 || 8PM || Bob Bernhardt, conductor || Kentucky Center || 501 W. Main St.
ALL IN Vinyl Release Party || 9.19.18 || 7PM || Gravely Brewing || 514 Baxter Ave.
Bernstein at 100 || 9.29.18 || 8PM || Teddy Abrams, conductor || Kentucky Center || 501 W. Main St.

October

Music Without Borders: Kentucky Strings || 10.11.18 || 7:30PM || Teddy Abrams, conductor
Tessa Lark, violin, || Robert Simonds, violin || Anne Richardson, cello || Adath Jeshurun || 2401 Woodbourne Ave.
Music without Borders: Kentucky Strings || 10.12.18 || 7:30PM || Teddy Abrams, conductor
Tessa Lark, violin, || Robert Simonds, violin || Anne Richardson, cello || Kentucky Country Day Theater || 4100 Springdale Rd.
Neighborhood Series: Kentucky Strings || 10.13.18 || 7:30PM || Teddy Abrams, conductor
Tessa Lark, violin || Robert Simonds, violin || Anne Richardson, cello || Ogle Center at IUS || 4201 Grant Line Rd.
Halloween Spooktacular || 10.20.18 || 11AM || Bob Bernhardt, conductor || Brown Theatre || 315 W. Broadway

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