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NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA APPOINTS RICHARD DARE PRESIDENT & CEO

DARE BRINGS ENTREPRENEURIAL, MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE TO NJSO



NEWARK, NJ (December 11, 2012)—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra has named Richard Dare its new President & CEO. Hailed as “one of America’s most highly regarded international entrepreneurs” by *Condé Nast Portfolio*, Dare comes to the NJSO from his position as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of the Brooklyn Philharmonic.

Drawing on his extensive experience building large sustainable organizations, Dare was one of the principal architects reinventing the Brooklyn Philharmonic into one of New York’s leading arts institutions, a turnaround *The Huffington Post* cited as “the second most important art event in America.” *Musical America* has called him “a rising star” and “fearless.”

Dare joins the NJSO at a time of great critical acclaim for the Orchestra; under Music Director Jacques Lacombe, the NJSO has garnered praise for artistic initiatives including its New Jersey Roots Project and multi-year “Man and Nature” Winter Festivals, as well as its performance at Carnegie Hall as part of the 2012 Spring for Music Festival.

“What interests me about the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra,” Dare says, “is the spectacular quality of music it performs. Powerful music shows us life can be beautiful, intelligent, adventurous and meaningful, that we’re capable of so much more. And I’m not talking about blind optimism that just ignores obstacles. I’m talking about the knowledge that something better awaits us, so long as we have the courage to keep reaching, to never shirk from the fight, to keep going no matter what. Music has a transcendent quality that reminds us of who we truly are! And that’s what got me interested in serving as the President & CEO of this great organization in the beautiful Garden State, particularly at this specific time in our shared history.”

NJSO Board of Trustees Co-Chairs Ruth C. Lipper and Stephen Sichak Jr. said in a joint statement: “We are delighted that Richard Dare will be joining the NJSO team as the Orchestra’s next CEO. Richard brings an unparalleled business sense and a keen and inquisitive mind, as well as an entrepreneurial nature and a deep love of music, to our organization. Working in concert with Music Director Jacques Lacombe and the entire NJSO team, Richard will help lead an evolution in thinking and ideas to further enhance the NJSO and to create new ways to introduce classical music to many more people and students throughout New Jersey. Speaking for the entire organization, we are all looking forward to working with him for many years.”

Contacted between conducting engagements, Lacombe said: “I am extremely happy to welcome Richard as the new President & CEO as he joins our wonderful team at the NJSO. I look forward to working with him on building the future of this very unique organization.”

Said NJSO cellist Sarah Seiver, who served on the CEO search committee: “We met excellent candidates in the search process. Richard, however, was dazzling. His initial presentation covered much that was inspiring in its creativity and novelty. Subsequent meetings showed him to be warm and thoughtful, with a tremendous passion for classical music. As a longtime cellist in the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, I anticipate exciting years ahead with Richard at the helm.”

Prior to his entrance into orchestral administration, Dare served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Pacific Rim Partners, an international conglomerate based in the United States, Asia and the Gulf Region. Under Dare's leadership, Pacific Rim Partners developed, owned and controlled numerous major global consumer brands in Asia. He was also instrumental in building a large mobile gaming company. And he served as President and General Partner of a global liquefied natural gas shipping fund and subsidiary of Pacific Rim Partners. Dare has consummated significant relationships with Mitsubishi Corporation, MUFG Financial Group, NTT Communications, Pioneer Corporation, "K" Line, Topcon Corporation, QVC Japan, Paltac, Chuo Bussan and Shiseido; he served for many years as a private advisor to the Japanese government. In his capacity as CEO of Pacific Rim Partners, Dare recruited board members who included numerous CEOs of Fortune 100 companies as well as Ministers of Finance, among others. He is a Director of the Alliance of Chief Executives, a consortium of some 200 American CEOs, and a board member of Gideon, Inc.; he has been frequently called upon as an expert witness to testify before Congress on issues of tax policy and its impact on nonprofit organizations.

Dare was born in Indiana. He studied musical composition in London before pursuing life as an entrepreneur. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies and a Master of Arts degree in Cognitive Field Theories from Loma Linda University. He serves on the senior faculty of the League of American Orchestras. He is a popular writer for *Huffington Post* and a highly regarded lecturer at Columbia University in the City of New York, Yale University School of Management, The Juilliard School and Manhattan School of Music on topics of Arts Management and Entrepreneurship.

Dare succeeds André Gremillet as the NJSO's top executive; he will join the Orchestra in January. The NJSO President & CEO Chair is graciously underwritten by Ruth C. and A. Michael Lipper.

THE NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra is comprised of some of the country's finest musicians. The Orchestra is proud to have Jacques Lacombe as its Music Director. Artistic excellence, innovative programming and community engagement are hallmarks of its mission. To best serve the people of New Jersey, the orchestra brings its programs to seven outstanding venues throughout the state. Education and community engagement programs enrich the listening experience for children and adults alike. Select performances of the NJSO are broadcast regionally and throughout North America.

For more information about the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, visit www.njsymphony.org or email information@njsymphony.org. Tickets are available for purchase by phone 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476) or on the Orchestra's website.

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