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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **New Director of Education for Santa Rosa Symphony**

(Santa Rosa, CA) – After 10 years working in the corporate world at Northrop Grumman with responsibilities in Communications, Community Outreach, Diversity and Human Resources, **Katey Pearson** has returned to her first love—music—and accepted the position of **Director of Education for the Santa Rosa Symphony**.

She hit the ground running in July with the Symphony’s Summer Music Academy. That three-week program was quickly followed by a series of youth ensembles auditions and the Youth Orchestra Retreat. She is now busy evaluating, reporting on, and planning various aspects of the SRS Music for Our Schools program.

Pearson received a BA in Public Relations with a concentration in music from Pepperdine University in 1991, and has completed graduate work in Viola Performance. She has worked for American Youth Symphony, Disney Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra television show, and as Orchestra Administrator for the Young Musicians Foundation. She was also Manager of Operations and Education Outreach for San Diego Symphony from March 1998-March 1999. During this time period, she also worked as a freelance musician (viola), as a coach to music students, and as an orchestra librarian. Pearson lives in Rohnert Park with her husband, Bill, and their 4-year-old son Drake.

About her decision to come back to the non-profit arts environment, Pearson says:

“I was impressed by the depth and breadth of the Santa Rosa Symphony education program, not only the four youth ensembles, but also the extensive outreach to the local schools. I see this as important work that needs to be supported and is a great personal challenge and opportunity for me.”

—Photo of SRS Director of Education Katey Pearson available upon request —