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New Director named for Young People's Chamber Orchestra

(SANTA ROSA) — After spending the past four months as Acting Director of Santa Rosa Symphony's Young People's Chamber Orchestra (YPCO), Dawn Dover has been named to the position of Director. Ben Taylor, Santa Rosa Symphony Director of Education, said, "Dawn got great reviews from our orchestra members and parents. She demonstrates a great regard for young musicians, and her passion and enthusiasm ignites their musicality in a special way."

Dover, who begins her YPCO tenure in July, maintains a private violin studio in Windsor, has taught chamber music at the Santa Rosa Junior College as well as in several music programs in Marin, including the Marin Youth Orchestra, the Marin Academy, San Domenico and the Marin Waldorf School. She was recently appointed orchestra conductor for the new Waldorf-inspired public charter school, Credo High School, in Rohnert Park.

Since receiving her B.A. degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara, Dover has performed professionally (chamber music and orchestral) throughout Europe, the United States and Japan. She was first violinist of the Carmel Bach Festival Quartet for five seasons. She is an original member of the New Century Chamber Orchestra, was a member of the San Diego Chamber Symphony and Chamber Orchestra, the Santa Barbara Symphony and was concertmaster/soloist of the Santa Barbara and Sonora Chamber Orchestras. She has performed with the San Francisco Symphony for over 12 years. As a soloist, concertmaster and section player, she has performed in recording engagements for PBS documentaries, IMAX films, video games, motion pictures, television and radio. She performs regularly with the Skywalker Symphony and has been a

concertmaster for singers such as Josh Groban, Natalie Cole, Bruce Hornsby, Johnny Mathis, Tony Bennett and Smokey Robinson over the past 20 years.

“I am so honored to have been selected as the new music director for the YPCO,” Dover said. “I feel true excitement knowing that I will be able to work with these incredible young musicians again and that our musical journey together can continue. The creativity is already flowing and I can’t wait to get into rehearsal!”

The Young People’s Chamber Orchestra, established in 1998, is a 20-piece string ensemble modeled after the New Century Chamber Orchestra. Its purpose is to mold a group of highly-trained young musicians into a virtuoso, conductor-less ensemble.

For more information about the Santa Rosa Symphony’s Training Young Musicians program and its Summer Music Academy, visit the Symphony’s [website](#) or call (707) 546-7097 ext. 225.

—Photo of Dawn Dover available upon request—