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**CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY NAMES JOHN CLAPP GENERAL MANAGER**

**November 9, 2017 | CHARLOTTE, NC** – Former Charlotte Symphony Contrabassoonist John Clapp will return to the organization as its new general manager beginning December 1, 2017.

Clapp joins the Charlotte Symphony most recently from the North Carolina Symphony, where he has served as Orchestra Personnel Manager since December 2014.

“We are thrilled to welcome John back to Charlotte,” says Mary A. Deissler, president and CEO of the Charlotte Symphony. “He has done great things with our friends at the North Carolina Symphony, and our musicians, staff, and board are all looking forward to working with him.”

Clapp brings a broad range of orchestra experience to the role, on stage and off. He served as Assistant Principal/Second Bassoonist of the Grand Rapids Symphony for seven seasons. Prior to that appointment, he served as the Contrabassoonist of the Grand Rapids Symphony for eight seasons. While in Grand Rapids, he was the Orchestra Personnel Manager in addition to his playing duties from 2004-2008.



“I am very excited to return to the place where my professional musical career began,” says Clapp. “Charlotte has changed so much since my time as a performer with the CSO and seems even more vibrant and welcoming. The orchestra is excellent, and I look forward to re-establishing relationships with musician colleagues and forming valuable new partnerships between the organization and the community.”

In addition to his posts in Grand Rapids and Charlotte, Clapp has performed with the New York City Ballet Orchestra, Orchestra of St. Luke’s, CityMusic Cleveland, the Harrisburg Symphony, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic. He also served as Artist Faculty in bassoon at Grand Valley State University for 10 years.

A native of Philadelphia, he earned a bachelor of music degree from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and a master’s of music from The Juilliard School.

When he's not in the theater, Clapp enjoys spending time with his wife Sarah and their 3-year-old son, Benjamin.

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