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**CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY EXTENDS MUSIC DIRECTOR WARREN-GREEN'S  
CONTRACT THROUGH 2019**

**MAY 7, 2015** | CHARLOTTE, NC – The Charlotte Symphony announced Thursday that it has extended Music Director Christopher Warren-Green's contract for a third term, through the end of the 2018-2019 season.

Chairman of the Charlotte Symphony Board of Directors Brian Cromwell announced the news at the CSO's Annual Meeting at Belk Theater at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center.

Warren-Green joined the Charlotte Symphony as Music Director in the 2010-2011 season. Since then, he has focused on raising the artistic level of the orchestra, attracting and developing top young talent, and growing the Symphony's two youth orchestras as part of his ongoing commitment to music education.

He has also worked tirelessly to attract broader audiences by programming concerts in collaboration with various community arts groups and through the introduction of inventive new series, including his signature KnightSounds Series, which features high-energy Friday night concerts with light classical repertoire programmed within festive events.

"We are thrilled to engage Maestro Warren-Green for three more seasons," says Charlotte Symphony President and CEO Bob Stickler. "As an organization, and truly as a city, we are very fortunate to have a globally recognized and well-respected music director with such great passion and vision for our future."

Also serving as Music Director and Principal Conductor of the London Chamber Orchestra, Warren-Green is equally dedicated to the promotion of new works and the established chamber orchestra repertoire. He plays a key role in LCO Music Junction, an outreach project which aims to nurture greater empathy and connection between young people from different backgrounds through music-making.

Warren-Green is also in high demand as a guest conductor, conducting in major cities such as Brussels, Milan, Seoul, Bonn, Tokyo, Istanbul, Dublin, and London. In North America, guest dates have included appearances with the Minnesota Orchestra and the Philadelphia Orchestra, as well as the Detroit, St. Louis, Houston, and Toronto symphony orchestras.

"Working with this orchestra has been an extremely rewarding experience for me," says Maestro Warren-Green. "I am very much looking forward to my continued collaboration with these talented musicians, and to bringing a consistently high standard of symphonic music to Charlotte's audiences."

Over the last 30 years, Warren-Green has been invited to conduct for the Royal Family on many occasions. In April 2011, he conducted the London Chamber Orchestra for the marriage ceremony of HRH The Duke of Cambridge and HRH The Duchess of Cambridge at Westminster Abbey, which was broadcast to a global audience of two billion.

Warren-Green enjoys his residence on Lake Norman with his wife, violinist Rosemary Furniss.

**About the Charlotte Symphony**

Founded in 1932 and led by internationally renowned Music Director Christopher Warren-Green, the Charlotte Symphony is a non-profit organization that serves the whole community through music that educates, entertains, and enriches the human spirit. We are world-class musicians, music teachers, and music lovers. We put violins in the hands of Charlotte's children and actively nurture the next generation with our music education programs. We bring artistic excellence to Charlotte's parks and hospitals, schools and places of worship, stadiums and concert halls. The Charlotte Symphony is a cornerstone of the cultural community, connecting people and adding value to their lives through music.  
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