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## **New Executive Director Announced by La Jolla Symphony & Chorus**

**La Jolla, Calif. (July 18, 2019)** – After a recently concluded nationwide search, La Jolla Symphony & Chorus (LJS&C) is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephanie Weaver, D.M.A., as its next Executive Director. Weaver currently serves as Executive Director of the Cape Conservatory in Cape Cod, Mass., a position she has held since 2011. She will begin her tenure at LJS&C in late September 2019, following the retirement of LJS&C Executive Director Diane Salisbury.

“The Board of Directors is very pleased to have nationally respected arts administrator Stephanie Weaver join our organization,” said Brian Schottlaender, LJS&C Board President. “For the last 20 years, Dr. Weaver has provided leadership to several distinguished institutions committed to the education of young and old in the musical arts. We are delighted to welcome her to La Jolla, and look forward to working with her to advance the La Jolla Symphony & Chorus to even greater heights.”

In addition to being an experienced arts administrator and educator, Weaver is an accomplished pianist. She received her D.M.A. degree in Piano Performance from Michigan State University and her B.A. and M.A. degrees in Piano Performance from the University of Western Ontario. Prior to her position with the Cape Conservatory, she served a dozen years at the Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts, first as the School’s Dean of Music and next as its President and Executive Director.

"I am simply thrilled to be joining the team at La Jolla Symphony & Chorus this coming fall. Diane, Steven (Schick) and the Board have clearly built an inspiring, innovative ensemble worthy of national recognition and capable of great future growth. I look forward to becoming a part of the rich cultural community of San Diego and La Jolla and to working with the leaders, musicians, and supporters of this impressive organization," said Weaver.

The La Jolla Symphony & Chorus, San Diego’s oldest and largest community orchestra and chorus, is a non-profit musical performing group offering San Diego a classical music alternative. Receiving national recognition for its adventurous programming under Music Director Steven Schick, the 200-member ensemble performs groundbreaking orchestral and choral music, alongside traditional favorites from the classical repertoire. The 2019-2020 season also welcomes new Choral Director Ruben Valenzuela, who shares the podium with Maestro Schick and guest conductors in works by Benjamin Britten, Florence Price, Gioachino Rossini, Béla Bartók, John Adams, and others. Founded in 1954, LJS&C has been an affiliate of UC San Diego since 1967.

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