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CINCINNATI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA NAMES PRINCIPAL TRUMPET

MATTHEW ERNST JOINS ORCHESTRA

CINCINNATI—The **Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra** announces that Ohio native **Matthew Ernst** has been named the new principal trumpet, filling the **Rawson Principal Trumpet Chair**, beginning with the upcoming 2014-15 season. He will also serve as principal trumpet for the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra under the direction of Conductor John Morris Russell.

Mr. Ernst recently performed the principal trumpet role with the Orchestra during the CSO's inaugural collaboration with the MusicNOW Festival on March 21-22, 2014. The groundbreaking performances featured two world premieres by Nico Muhly and David Lang, along with a diverse array of repertoire from Penderecki, Bryce Dessner, Scriabin, Jonny Greenwood and Prokofiev. He will also perform Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and Mahler's Eighth Symphony with the CSO and Cincinnati May Festival, along with several summer performances.



“I am thrilled to be joining the ranks of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra,” said Mr. Ernst. “The level of talent present in this Orchestra has amazed me since I first heard them perform. This is also a unique orchestra in that these are really wonderful people, making working together musically a real delight. Working with Louis Langrée and these musicians has made it clear that this is a place grounded in tradition while fostering a deep commitment to experimentation and pushing the boundaries of music. I am honored to be part of this and look forward to wonderful creative collaboration.”

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A native of Massillon, OH, Mr. Ernst has previously served as Acting Principal Trumpet with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and as Associate Principal Trumpet in the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra for five years. A dedicated educator, he has also held teaching positions at the University of Virginia, the University of New Orleans, and the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts.

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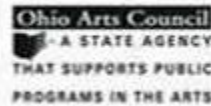
Mr. Ernst pursued his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Michigan, where he studied with William Campbell. He received two Master of Music degrees from Southern Methodist University—the first in trumpet performance, studying with Tom Booth of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and the second in conducting. In addition to his degree work, he also attended Tanglewood Music Center, Pacific Music Festival and Brevard Music Center.

Mr. Ernst is an avid woodworker with an interest in architecture and custom home projects. He also enjoys sports, which has given him additional connections to the city (as a young athlete he attended a University of Cincinnati basketball camp under storied coach Bob Huggins); he looks forward to becoming a fan of the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals.

Mr. Ernst will move to Cincinnati this summer with his wife, Janna, a vocal coach and accompanist, and their two young daughters, Madeleine and Margaret. Matthew and Janna also collaborate musically on a regular basis.

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