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## **Meadowmount School of Music Names Genevieve Twomey as Executive Director**



Westport, NY - Meadowmount School of Music, the summer program for young string players founded by legendary violin teacher Ivan Galamian in Westport, NY, proudly announces the appointment of Genevieve Twomey as Executive Director. Twomey will join Meadowmount in mid-June prior to the 2024 summer program commencing.

A native of Melbourne, Australia, Genevieve Twomey is the current Vice President and General Manager of the National Symphony Orchestra (NSO). In her youth, Twomey was an accomplished cellist and holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne and a Master of Music and Graduate Performance Diploma from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns

Hopkins University, where she was a student of Meadowmount alum Stephen Kates.

Twomey's career in orchestra management began in 1996 as an Orchestra Management Fellow with the League of American Orchestras. Her distinguished career includes significant roles with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony. At the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, she launched the Paul J. Ross Fellowship for African American Musicians. Under her leadership, the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony transformed from near bankruptcy to being recognized as Canada's most innovative orchestra. Since 2018, Twomey has been with the NSO, where she has worked alongside Music Director Gianandrea Noseda, contributing to the orchestra's nomination as one of the 'World's Great Orchestras' by Gramophone magazine in 2023.

Twomey brings her extensive experience and dynamic leadership to Meadowmount, ready to serve its mission of outstanding musical education. "There is a special spirit here that uplifts the excellence and brilliance of faculty and students year after year; Meadowmount is a place like no other. I am honored and excited to be joining as Executive Director, working with the Board of

Directors and serving alongside Artistic Director Janet Sung, whose care for Meadowmount is immediately apparent and inspiring," said Twomey.

Meadowmount Board President Hans Jørgen Jensen expressed enthusiasm about the appointment. "Genevieve's exceptional background in arts leadership and her dedication to musical excellence make her the perfect fit for Meadowmount," Jensen stated. "Together with Janet Sung, our Artistic Director, we are confident she will elevate our programs and foster an environment of artistic growth, innovation, and intensive string study at the highest level."

Artistic Director Janet Sung added, "I am thrilled to have Genevieve join us at Meadowmount. She is someone deeply committed to its mission and her breadth of experience in all aspects of executive leadership will be a great asset for the school. I am excited to work with her in carrying forward the legacy of Ivan Galamian's vision for many future generations of young artists."

Board member James Ehnes also shared his thoughts on the new appointment: "Genevieve's remarkable track record in transforming and elevating arts organizations speaks volumes. Her leadership and vision will undoubtedly guide Meadowmount to new heights. I look forward to the positive impact she will make on our community."

### **Meadowmount in Brief**

Founded in 1944 by legendary violin teacher Ivan Galamian, Meadowmount School of Music is a seven week summer program for young violinists, violists, and cellists whose approach of intensive study and practice has helped develop some of the greatest artists of our time. Musicians ages 13 to 30+ from around the world gather at the school's campus in the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York to further their musical skills with, in Mr. Galamian's words, "a special spirit that is conducive to total concentration on excellence in musical performance," aided by a faculty of renowned artists.

The stellar array of alumni over the school's 80-year history includes Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma, Pinchas Zukerman, Jaime Laredo, Lynn Harrell, Kyung-Wha Chung, Ani and Ida Kavafian, Joshua Bell, James Ehnes, Rachel Barton Pine, and Jessie Montgomery. Meadowmount alumni are well represented internationally among soloists and chamber musicians, principal players of leading orchestras, and distinguished teachers.

With a capacity enrollment of 200 on the 52-building, 240-acre campus, the school retains an intimacy that provides for personal attention and fosters camaraderie among the students. Many of the school's alumni return as members of the faculty, ensuring the continuity of the Meadowmount teaching tradition. The faculty roster that has over the years included Gregor Piatigorsky, Josef Gingold, Isaac Stern, Leonard Rose, Sally Thomas, and Dorothy DeLay, has recently featured cellist Hans Jørgen Jensen and violinists Ann Setzer and Kikuei Ikeda— a lineage that is unmatched in the field.