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(Palo Alto, CA - April 1, 2019) Golden State Youth Orchestra is pleased to announce the appointment of Seth Ducey as the organization's new Executive Director, effective April 8, 2019.



Seth Ducey was the Director of Operations and Education for the Oakland Symphony from 2017-2019. In that role, he managed the Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra and Symphony Chorus, directed operations and logistics for the organization, coordinated concert programming, and contracted soloists and arrangers. From 2000-2017, Seth was the Concert Operations Manager and Production Manager at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, working closely with collegiate and pre-college students and faculty, managing the Concert Office and production staff, and renting the Conservatory's performance halls to most of the Bay Area's symphony orchestras and numerous other musical organizations.

"I am honored to be the new Executive Director of Golden State Youth Orchestra and look forward to working with such talented students and a seasoned faculty," stated Ducey. "As an advocate of youth orchestras and music education, I'm thrilled to be part of such an outstanding organization, led by a trusted staff, and a Board of fantastic parents and professionals."

A lifetime advocate of music education and youth orchestras, Seth served on the Oakland Youth Orchestra Board of Advocacy for 3 years and was a participant in the 2011 Essentials of Orchestra Management Seminar run by the League of American Orchestras. He is a proud alumnus of the Oakland Youth Orchestra and Young People's Symphony Orchestra of Berkeley and plays trumpet throughout the Bay Area when time permits. He is a graduate of Lawrence University in Wisconsin.

"I am thrilled that Seth will be joining us as our new Executive Director," enthused GSYO Board President Richard Cliff. "On behalf of the Board, we welcome him and look forward to his leadership in driving the next chapter of GSYO's long, illustrious history. I also want to acknowledge and publicly thank Cristine Kelly for the truly outstanding job she has done as Interim Executive Director. She has helped us realign GSYO to a world without any state funding and enabled the Board to focus on finding the best possible successor."

"I am truly looking forward to getting to know the marvelously diverse GSYO family in the upcoming months," said Ducey. "Music is our shared language. With it, we can communicate beauty, build empathy, and create stronger communities."