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The Loudoun Symphony Orchestra (LSO) has appointed Kim Allen Kluge as Music Director of the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra.

The Loudoun Symphony Association conducted an extensive search and received credentials from more than one hundred (100) conductors from all over the world for the position. The Search Committee chose four conductor finalists who then prepared a concert for the LSO's 2022-2023 season. LSO's musicians and concert attendees participated in the process by evaluating each candidate's effectiveness and performance after each concert that was presented.

Maestro Kluge's experience includes serving as conductor of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra for more than 27 years. During his time in that role, he became a leader in the Washington Inter-Arts Movement to create many social justice arts programs and projects including the first ***El Sistema*** program in the Washington, DC region as well as the ***Music Diaries Project***, a grassroots inter-arts approach designed to bring greater diversity and inclusiveness to performing arts organizations.

Maestro Kluge composes socially conscious music in partnership with his wife, Kathryn. They created the score for Martin Scorsese's movie, ***Silence***, and have aligned themselves with filmmakers who share their passion for using art to build bridges of understanding between people.

Learn more about Maestro Kluge at <https://www.loudounsymphony.org/lso-conductors>.

"I believe in the power of music to inspire, transcend, unite communities and to bring about positive change in the world. I'm thrilled to join the Loudoun Symphony Association and the Loudoun community as we create music together! See you at the concerts..." - Kim Allen Kluge

Loudoun Symphony Board President, Matt Banner, says "Kim brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. His passion for music and community were evident in his finalist concert. Kim's strong desire to collaborate makes for a bright future for the Loudoun Symphony and our entire community."

Now in its 32nd season, Loudoun Symphony has evolved as a premier regional symphony through artistic excellence by providing a variety of programs that enrich, educate, engage and entertain our community. A full season of seven in-person orchestral concerts as well as virtual performances are presented by the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra. The educational outreach program includes the Loudoun Symphony Youth Orchestra program which now provides performance opportunities for

talented students through four ensembles and intensive training through a week-long Summer
Orchestral Institute. www.loudounsymphony.org

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