

# **SYMPHONY IN C**

## **Rossen Milanov, Music Director**

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### **Symphony in C names a new Director of Education and Community Engagement and a new Vice President of Development**

**July 3, 2011, (Camden, NJ) Symphony in C President Krishna Thiagarajan and Music Director Rossen Milanov are pleased to announce the appointments of Joseph Hart as the new Director of Education and Community Engagement and Karen Serfass as the new Vice President of Development for Symphony in C, effective June 1 and 20, 2011.**

**Joseph Hart is an accomplished musician and experienced music teacher. His career has included teaching positions in Pennsylvania and New Jersey public and private schools, private trumpet and guitar instruction as well as a teaching artist with Tune Up Philly in conjunction with the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra. Joseph is an award winning performer and co-founder of the West End Brass Quintet. He holds a B.M. in Music with a concentration in Music Education from the Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University and a Master of Music with a concentration in Trumpet Performance from The Hartt School of Music, the University of Hartford.**

**Karen Serfass has been working in development and communications for more than fifteen years. Her career highlights include securing significant grants from the William Penn Foundation, the Knight Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trusts and devising and carrying out a successful capital campaign for the renovation of a dormitory at Overbrook School for the Blind. She has contributed articles to the Philadelphia Inquirer and published several short stories and poems. She holds a B.A. in Journalism from Temple University and has just completed an M.A. in English from Arcadia University.**

**Symphony in C is one of three professional training orchestras in the United States preparing musicians and conductors who are on the cusp of world-class careers through**

**concert, educational outreach and professional development programs.** Performing at the Gordon Theater at Rutgers Camden Center for the Arts in Camden, New Jersey, Symphony in C serves over 90,000 people annually through its critically-acclaimed concert series, educational outreach programs and radio broadcasts. Symphony in C has been designated a Major Arts Institution by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and strives to continue making artistic, educational, and economic impact on a regional, national and global scale.

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