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Quality musicians fill key orchestral positions

The Southwest Florida Symphony recently held auditions to fill vacant positions in the orchestra. "The Symphony is not mandated to select a musician if those auditioned are not at the level of the SWFLSO, so to fill every position offered is a testament to the caliber of musicians we heard," explained Music Director Michael Hall.

Over 40 musicians auditioned for seven open positions. Competition was at such a high level that it sometimes took the committee three rounds to choose the right musician. "The musicians we selected will play a big part in the continuing artistic development of this orchestra," said Hall. "They attended some of the best music schools in the country and have a great deal of experience with other fine orchestras. I am looking forward to working with them this season."

The Symphony is pleased to announce the following appointments to the orchestra for the 2008/09 Season:

Cello

Susannah Kelly, Principal Cello
Antonio Innaimo, Assistant Principal Cello

Horn

Maciej Pietraszko, second trombone

Woodwind

Karen Zgonc, third/utility flute
Jeff Apana, third/ utility oboe
Scott Radloff, one year Principal Bassoon

Percussion

John Patton, second percussion

With record breaking crowds and abundant praise last year, a sizzling 48th season begins as Music Director Michael Hall takes the stage to conduct a vibrant season of music. Serving as Lee County's professional orchestra, the Southwest Florida Symphony is a vital cultural asset to all residents. Our

programs impact over 70,000 people annually through a variety of concerts, performance opportunities for youth and educational programs for local school children. Performing groups include the SWFLS Orchestra, the Symphony Chorus, the Children's Chorus and the Youth Orchestra and Sinfonietta. The Symphony is supported by ticket sales, sponsorships, donations, grants and the Symphony Society, an organization of over 500 volunteers. To learn more, see us on the web at www.swflso.org.

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