



Breckenridge Music Festival

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Breckenridge Music Festival Appoints New Executive Director Tamara Nuzzaci Park

***Park Brings Deep Expertise, Passion for the Arts,
and a Love of Local Summit County Community to New Role!***

— Laura Dziejcz, Breckenridge Music Festival Board President

November 18, 2015, Breckenridge, CO —The Breckenridge Music Festival (BMF) is pleased to announce the appointment of Tamara Nuzzaci Park as its new Executive Director. Tamara brings more than a decade of diverse non-profit experience in the arts and cultural sector to this role. As executive director, Tamara will lead the BMF’s innovative and future-oriented artistic partnership model, and weave together an eclectic range of musical styles into seasonal orchestra, chamber and popular music performances that are rewarding for artists, locals and visitors alike. She will guide the organization to fulfill the BMF’s dynamic role in Summit County, while working with the Board of Directors to ensure sound fiscal planning, management and oversight in securing the financial health of the organization.

Over the past two years, Tamara served as Director of Development for the Festival. As a key partner to Board leaders, she successfully improved the organization’s fundraising capability and advised the search committee that identified David Danzmayr as the Festival’s new conductor and artistic advisor. During this time, she also traveled extensively as an independent consultant and project manager for a wide range of organizations including the Curtis Institute of Music, Play On! Philly, and Eighth Blackbird.

“The opportunity to be a partner in the curation of performing arts experiences in a community I call home is enormously exciting,” said Park. “The BMF’s artistic and financial success is built upon an unusually deep, highly active network of volunteers as well as an important relationship with Breckenridge Creative Arts, and I look forward to working side-by-side with our many supporters to ensure the organization’s vibrant future.”

Previously, Tamara was the executive director of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra where she engaged Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley as narrator of Copland’s *Lincoln Portrait* at the orchestra’s *Salute to Independence*, an annual cultural and tourism event attracting nearly 30,000 people. She began her career in Philadelphia as personnel manager of the Philadelphia Orchestra and also served as manager of campaign and strategic initiatives at the prestigious music conservatory, the Curtis Institute of Music. There she supported a \$65 million capital campaign for a new dining, residence and program facility, Lenfest Hall, and served on the team that oversaw design development and construction.

“Tamara's qualifications and experience are exceptional, her passion for this work is unparalleled, and her knowledge of the BMF and the Summit County arts community will be a major asset to the organization,” said Brian Hall, Chair of the Search Committee, and chair-elect of the Breckenridge Music Festival Board. “Tamara brings the insight and energy needed to lead the Breckenridge Music Festival into the future, which will ensure that the Festival continues its role of providing an extensive roster of outstanding musical experiences in Summit County.”

According to Board President Laura Dziedzic, “Tamara was selected from a broad field of national candidates through an executive search guided by the Arts Consulting Group. Tamara stood out among the candidates given her proven track record with us in addition to a rich background of skills and experience. She has worked tirelessly to advance our values of excellence and diverse programming and strong community partnerships.”

“We so value our partnership with BMF,” said Robb Woulfe, President and CEO of Breckenridge Creative Arts. “Having had the pleasure of working with Tamara on previous BMF projects, I am looking forward to deepening collaborative efforts between our two organizations. It’s a very exciting time for arts in Breckenridge.”

Tamara was first drawn to Summit County when she was studying the oboe at Duquesne University and became a summer intern with the National Repertory Orchestra. Long-time BMF and NRO supporter Paul Finkel said of her appointment: “I led Tamara up Quandary, her first ‘14er’, in 2001 and am so pleased we have come full circle with her acceptance of the Executive Director position for the BMF. While Tamara has many great qualities and wonderful contacts in the music field, what I like most is her creativity and willingness to try innovative programming. These are the skills that the Festival needs to continue to grow and prosper.”

Tamara and her husband, Jin, met on a camping trip in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and moved to Summit County in 2013 to cultivate a mutual passion for mountain life. Jin is a physical therapist and part-time guide for Breckenridge Outfitters. The Parks enjoy spending time with their one-year-old daughter, Mia, and can often be found hiking, fly-fishing or floating the Colorado River with their loyal mutt, Gauge.

About Breckenridge Music Festival

The Breckenridge Music Festival (BMF) provides premier musical and related arts experiences on a year-round basis in Summit County, serving more than 10,000 audience members annually. The five-week summer concert festival at the Riverwalk Center features a resident ensemble of 40 professional musicians, while the Champagne Series offers intimate chamber music concerts hosted in private homes. Also at the Riverwalk Center, the Blue River Series brings in national touring acts to explore the wide world of music, including Jazz, Country & Western, Folk Americana, Reggae and Bluegrass. And during the Encore Winter Series concerts, small-format performances by returning summer artists and featured regional and national performers are hosted in intimate venues around Summit County.

In addition, the BMF’s education and community engagement program shares the gift of music with the next generation of Summit County music lovers and their families, serving up to 5,000 Summit, Lake and Park County students each year. This includes in-school performances, workshops and master classes, “Music Mania” summer camp at the Breckenridge Recreation Center and an annual Family Concert.

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