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## News Release (for immediate publication)

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### **Title: New CEO for the Maestros**

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The trustees of local music education charity Berkshire Maestros are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer. This comes after Maestros current CEO, Lynne Ellis, is taking retirement at the end of a long and successful career in music education working across Berkshire and Hampshire. She said:

*"It has been an immense privilege to end a thirty-eight year teaching and music education career by working alongside my talented colleagues and students at Berkshire Maestros. It has been a joy and an honour to lead the Berkshire Music Hub and to be part of a service that makes such a positive impact on the lives of children and young people. I shall look forward to seeing Maestros go from strength to strength in the future and to hearing many more wonderful performances from our students".*

After three and a half years as CEO, she is handing the baton over to Dawn Wren who is currently deputy head of Kingston Music Service. Dawn, a clarinet player, will utilise her wealth of experience of leadership in music education to build upon the already strong teaching and performance standards evident at Maestros during Lynne's tenure. Dawn said:

*"I am delighted to be joining Berkshire Maestros in September as the new CEO. I bring nearly twenty years of teaching experience and ten years of management experience in a Music Education Hub to the role as well as a profound passion and commitment for music education. I am looking forward to joining Berkshire Maestros*



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*and to complementing the wealth of experience and knowledge demonstrated within the hub already.”*

Greg Sehringer, Chair of the Trustees of Berkshire Maestros, commented:

*“The Trustees are delighted to announce Dawn Wren has been appointed as Berkshire Maestros CEO. We look forward to welcoming Dawn when Lynne Ellis retires. We wish Lynne a very 'Happy Retirement' after nearly eleven years at Berkshire Maestros with the last three and a half years as CEO. Lynne's dedication and commitment to Berkshire Maestros is greatly appreciated.”*

Lynne Ellis will take her final bow with Maestros in September. She will be returning to Wales for her retirement to enjoy coastal life with her family.

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### **About Berkshire Maestros**

Berkshire Maestros is a long-established children's charity offering musical education opportunities to children and young people across Berkshire, regardless of ability, background or circumstance. We work closely with schools across the county to allow all children access to music and the opportunity to play an instrument. Through our local music centres, we offer people of all ages the chance to sing, play instruments and enhance their life-skills through music. Our choirs, orchestras and ensembles perform at prestigious venues across the county and beyond – helping the children to develop their team-working and communications skills as well as building their confidence.

To download any logos for Berkshire Maestros or the Berkshire Music Hub please go to [www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/press.html](http://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/press.html)

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