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Nicholas DelBello Named the Cheektowaga Community Symphony Orchestra's Music Director/Conductor

Cheektowaga, NY (July 13, 2017) – After a 10-month search, the Cheektowaga Community Symphony Orchestra announced that Nicholas DelBello will be the new Music Director/Conductor effective September 1, 2017. He is the sixth person to hold the title in the ensemble's 57-year history.

DelBello, a Cheektowaga native, will conduct the orchestra in their six annual performances and will be responsible for the overall quality of the group as Music Director. The first concert under DelBello's direction will be Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church in Sloan, New York.

"It has been my dream to be an orchestra conductor since about eighth grade," said DelBello. "To have the opportunity to be the Music Director of the first orchestra that I ever played in, [in] the town where I grew up, is amazing."

"I look forward to making music with [Nicholas] DelBello," said Leslie Bahler, violist and co-chair of the Search Committee. "His calm authority, musical depth, organization skills and his professional relationships with so many fine musicians in Western New York will be valued abilities as the Cheektowaga Community Symphony Orchestra begins this next creative chapter in its history."

"We look forward to working with Nick," says orchestra president Paul M. Siekierski. "It's an exciting time for the ensemble as we move forward in providing wonderful music for the Town of Cheektowaga and surrounding communities. We invite everyone out to see what we have to offer next season."

DelBello is an active part of the Western New York music community as a trumpeter, organist, educator, and conductor. He is the Founding Music Director of the Buffalo Brass Choir, a 17-25 piece professional brass and percussion ensemble. DelBello has served as a guest conductor with the Amherst Symphony Orchestra, Southern Tier Symphony, Freudig Singers of Western New York, Genesee Symphony Orchestra, and the Chautauqua All-County Brass Ensemble.

An equally adept trumpeter, DelBello has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Southern Tier Symphony, Western New York Chamber Orchestra, Ars Nova Chamber Musicians, Clarence Summer Orchestra, and the American Wind Symphony Orchestra. DelBello is a member of the faculty at Canisius College and taught at Villa Maria College.

DelBello is a music teacher with the Williamsville Central School District as the district-wide music theory instructor. Previously, DelBello taught in the Buffalo Public Schools as a vocal and instrumental teacher. DelBello served as the Director of Music at Blessed Trinity Church for six years.

DelBello is a graduate of the State University of New York at Fredonia and completed his graduate work at the University of Miami. He resides in Kenmore with his wife, Miranda, and their newborn son, Vincent.

Additional information and a complete list of concert dates is on the web at www.cheektowagasymphony.com.