

I'm truly excited to begin this journey with you and build on the incredible work & momentum Summit Choral Society. Thank you for your support and dedication to making a profound impact on our community. -----

By way of introduction, I'm Dr. Scott Garlock - a lifelong musician, educator and arts administrator. A native of Northeast Ohio (Cuyahoga Falls), I hold three of my music degrees from Kent State and The University of Akron and recently retired after more than four decades teaching at the public school and university levels, most notably at Knox College and Ashland University.

Beyond teaching, much of my career has centered on arts leadership. I've directed more than 35 jazz festivals, co-created and served as the first president of Ohio's Jazz Education organization (JECO) and worked on various boards and musician bargaining units. For the past six years, I've served as Executive Director of the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, guiding it to a strong position within the community while also launching a landmark educational outreach program for middle school students and expanding community partnerships.

As a performer, I continue to stay active as Lead Trombone with the CJO, 2nd Trombone in the Cleveland Pops and as a recording artist and touring musician with artists ranging from Tony Bennett and Sarah Vaughan to The Who and Weird Al Yankovic.

My admiration for SCS has only grown through my wife Emily's work with the organization and my own opportunities to perform in several concerts. I've seen firsthand the artistry and impact SCS brings to our community and its youth.

In leading the CJO, I've learned that navigating the complexities of a nonprofit with a small staff is both rewarding and demanding. I look forward to bringing that experience to SCS, supporting Shara and the team and working with you - SCS's donors and funders - community and its stakeholders to reach even greater heights.

In the coming months, I'd love the chance to connect personally with each of you - whether by phone, Zoom, or coffee/beer to hear more about your experiences with SCS and your vision for the future.

Thank you for welcoming me into this extraordinary organization. I'm eager to begin the work ahead, together.