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### **Long Island Philharmonic Renews Three-Year Contract with Music Director & Conductor David Stewart Wiley**

The Long Island Philharmonic is pleased to announce that Music Director and Conductor David Stewart Wiley's contract has been renewed through 2012 and that he will continue to lead Long Island's only resident, professional orchestra for the next three seasons.

"Maestro Wiley has brought great energy and commitment to his work on Long Island, and we are thrilled to continue his partnership with us" says Board Chairman Larry Austin.

David Stewart Wiley's ongoing popularity has been demonstrated not only through consistent acclaim by critics and audiences alike but through very significant multi-year growth in attendance and ticket income.

"We have come a long way together in the last few years" says Wiley. "I am grateful to our dedicated professional musicians, hard working board and staff, wonderful chorus and chorus master, and the many individuals and businesses throughout Long Island who continue to sustain us and support our vital mission. Our future looks really bright, and I am privileged to serve as Music Director of the LI Philharmonic."

Educational outreach residencies with the Philharmonic in the schools have expanded dramatically in recent years. "I am amazed at how wonderful he is with the young musicians and school children" added Mr. Austin. "It demonstrates the Philharmonic's commitment to the creative growth of our children as a core mission of the institution."

Under Wiley's baton, the Long Island Philharmonic has shown remarkable artistic growth. Newsday reported, "There was never too much for conductor David Stewart Wiley, who had the program well in hand. It was a very pleasant experience for one who hadn't heard the Long Island Philharmonic recently. It sounded fresh and revitalized."

David Stewart Wiley has developed new audiences for the Philharmonic through performances in established Nassau and Suffolk concert halls as well as newer venues. For the upcoming 2009-10 season, Wiley has planned concerts at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, the Patchogue

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Theatre and Staller Center for the Arts, as well as at Hofstra University's John C. Adams Playhouse and the new Adelphi University Performing Arts Center.

The Long Island Philharmonic recently announced its 31<sup>st</sup> season for 2009-2010, with top violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, world-acclaimed pianists Joseph Kalichstein and Seymour Lipkin, among other stellar solo artists. The season will include the annual New Year's Eve Spectacular, *Forbidden Broadway*, and two Broadway headliners, Franc D'Ambrosio, best known as the longest-running Phantom and the legendary Chita Rivera.

David Stewart Wiley also continues as the Music Director & Conductor of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra in Virginia.

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