



# BRAVO! VAIL

## **Jennifer Teisinger Named Executive Director of the Bravo! Vail Music Festival, Succeeding Founder and Interim Executive Director John Giovando**

Vail, CO (October 15, 2015) – Bravo! Vail Music Festival Board of Trustees chairman Dan Godec today announced that – after a nationwide executive search guided by Arts Consulting Group (ACG) – Jennifer Teisinger has been appointed as the Festival’s next executive director. Founder and interim executive director John Giovando is preparing to step down on October 31.

Teisinger begins her role at Bravo! Vail on January 19, 2016 after nine successful years leading the Sun Valley Summer Symphony in Sun Valley, Idaho through a period of extraordinary artistic success – bringing world-renowned names from Joshua Bell to Renée Fleming to Itzhak Perlman to the Festival – that catalyzed unprecedented growth in both audience attendance and fundraising. Among other accomplishments, Teisinger and the board led the symphony through a \$5 million capital fundraising campaign that surpassed goal by \$2 million and supported the development of a new, world-class venue: the Sun Valley Pavilion. Prior to joining Sun Valley Summer Symphony, Teisinger served as executive director of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (Washington), youth orchestra manager with the San Francisco Symphony, and in numerous roles with the San Jose Symphony.

“We could not be more excited about Bravo!’s future,” said Godec. “After a nine-year career defined by bold leadership and artistic innovation with Sun Valley, Jennifer now brings these talents to the best classical Festival in the US. Coupled with peerless artistic direction led by Anne-Marie McDermott, Jennifer’s commitment to supporting creative excellence and her strong business acumen promise a great future for Bravo! Vail.”

Godec continued, “Jennifer joins the Festival after a truly unforgettable season led by John Giovando, and on behalf of both the board and staff, I’d like to thank him for his incredible work taking the Festival even further forward. I’d also like to thank Jeanne Gustafson and our search committee for their hard work and vision.”

McDermott commented, “I look forward to welcoming Jennifer Teisinger to the Bravo team and to forging ahead together to build on our successes and create new opportunities for the future, in the service of great music. John Giovando’s inspired guidance and spirit will always be with us at Bravo, and we will aspire to continue the bold and visionary leadership he brought to the Festival.”

“I am deeply honored and enthusiastic to be asked to lead Bravo! Vail,” said Teisinger. “As a premier classical music festival with the unique honor of hosting four internationally renowned orchestras plus a dynamic chamber music series, Bravo is known for its high artistic standards. Bravo has a reputation for producing the very best in classical music performances, from the artistry on stage to the stunning mountain setting. Founder John Giovando has ensured that the Festival is well positioned for growth

with a solid financial footing, passionate patron support, and a dedicated Board and staff. It is my great pleasure to build upon his vision, and I look forward to meeting the many patrons and audience members who have made the Festival so successful," said Teisinger.

Teisinger joins Bravo! Vail as the Festival has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of founder and interim executive director John Giovando. He will close out his role on October 31, having taken the Festival through a 2015 season that surpassed all attendance, ticket sales, and fundraising records. Giovando also steered the Festival through the development of a new international partnership with London's celebrated Academy of St Martin in the Fields with music director Joshua Bell for the 2016 season.

"I am truly delighted that Jennifer Teisinger will become the next executive director of the Bravo Festival and join its very talented and committed staff together with its world-class artistic team under the solid direction of Anne-Marie McDermott," said Giovando. "She will work well with staff leadership to continue its 2016 planning and funding efforts and move the Festival forward for many future seasons at the beautiful Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater and community area venues. Jennifer has proven to be an excellent executive director at the Sun Valley Summer Symphony, thoroughly understanding board and donor relations, management, and artistic development. Jennifer and her beautiful family love living in the mountains of a resort community and will be a great fit for Vail."

Giovando continued, "It has been an honor and pleasure for me personally to be of service to such a wonderful place as Vail and its surrounding community. The vision of the Festival and of Vail will continue to expand with new leadership and love of place. Thank you sincerely."

#### **About Bravo! Vail Music Festival**

Hailed as one of the Top 10 "Can't Miss" Classical Music Festivals in the US by NPR, Bravo! Vail Music Festival brings world-renowned musicians to picturesque venues throughout Eagle County, Colorado, for six weeks each year, drawing music lovers from around the world. The only festival in North America to host four of the world's finest orchestras in a single season, Bravo! Vail celebrates its 29th season June 23 through August 6, 2016. The 2016 season features residencies by the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and the New York Philharmonic, with celebrated concerto artists plus a wide array of stellar chamber music performances. For more information about Bravo! Vail visit [bravovail.org](http://bravovail.org) or call 970.827.5700.

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