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JOHN GIOVANDO RETURNS TO LEAD BRAVO! VAIL

Bravo! Vail announced today that founder John Giovando will return to serve as the interim executive director of the festival he helped found in 1987, according to Dan Godec, newly elected chair of the Bravo! Vail Board of Trustees. Giovando replaces Jim Palermo who recently resigned to pursue new consulting and personal opportunities in the Midwest.

A new slate of officers was also recently elected by the Bravo! Vail Board of Trustees, including Godec as chair, Jeanne Gustafson as vice chair, Bill Burns as treasurer, and Susan Suggs as secretary.

"We're grateful to Jim for playing a key role in taking Bravo! Vail to even greater heights under his leadership," said Godec. "We wish him all the best in his future endeavors. At the same time, we look forward to welcoming John back to lead one of the country's best classical music festivals as we execute a nationwide search to find a permanent executive director."

"I cherished my nearly three years associated with Bravo! Vail. This is a good time for me to transition as the festival is in such sound financial and administrative shape," said Palermo. "It is now time for me to return to my roots in the Midwest, to begin some ventures I've been yearning to see get off the ground, and attend to family business, including being closer to an elderly parent."

Bravo! Vail is enjoying a period of substantial growth and success. Record-breaking fundraising and ticket sales figures over the past two seasons indicate an increasing appreciation for the beloved Colorado music festival's programs and services.

"I'm completely thrilled with the opportunity to be associated again with the festival at what is one of the most exciting times in its rich history," said Giovando. "Jim and the talented staff deserve much credit for taking what had become one of the country's premier classical music festivals and making it even better."

About Bravo! Vail

Bravo! Vail, one of North America's premier summer music festivals, 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 three of the world's finest orchestras in a single season, Bravo! Vail celebrates its 28th season from July 1st through August 6th, 2015. The 2015 season will once again feature residencies by the 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 www.bravovail.org or call 970.827.5700.

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