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December 13, 2019 (Jackson Hole, WY) – With sincere regret and sadness, the Grand Teton Music Festival (GTMF) board announces today that they accepted President and CEO Andrew Palmer Todd's resignation.

GTMF Board Chair Christine Hartley comments, "I speak for the entire board when I express our gratitude for Andrew's contributions to our Festival. His leadership in Jackson Hole and with our organization has exceeded our expectations. On a personal note, I respect and admire Andrew, and I am very sorry to see him leave. We wish him well in his future endeavors."

Past GTMF Board Member Gary Silberberg (2013–2019) adds, "As a former GTMF board member, I had the pleasure of working closely with Andrew on a number of projects. I have always been impressed by Andrew's professionalism, arts leadership, and expertise, but most of all, his passion for our community."

Andrew Palmer Todd has led the Grand Teton Music Festival through a period of strong growth in audience cultivation and financial security. During Dr. Todd's tenure, the Grand Teton Music Festival grew from 35 events during the summer to 100 events annually, including the Winter Festival. He expanded summer programs, created a community concert series, and launched a scholarship competition.

The Summer Festival attendance has grown 69% since 2014, and individual contributions have tripled, just reaching an all-time high of \$2.4 million in annual contributions for 2019. The Festival's national notoriety also grew with international attention from *The New York Times*, London's *Daily Telegraph*, *BBC Music*, Performance Today, and *The Guardian*.

Dr. Todd comments, "I am indebted to the Jackson Hole community, to the dedicated GTMF staff, our devoted board, and the GTMF musicians. I appreciate the Board's willingness and trust in me to do my part in leading this organization. It has been a rewarding challenge and privilege."

GTMF will announce a national search for Dr. Todd's replacement in the upcoming months.

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