

Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale Names New Principal Bassoonist

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Julie Ann Link

MIDLAND/ODESSA - Press Release: Musicians come from all over the world to audition for the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, and it was no different when MOSC announced auditions last May.

Musicians gathered at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center to audition for MOSC's Music Director and Conductor, Gary Lewis. The highly sought after positions included Section Bass, Section Cello, Section Viola, and Section Violin. However, there was one coveted position that everyone was talking about, Principal Bassoonist and woodwind quintet member in the West Texas Winds.

Today MOSC announced that Julie Ann Link of Christchurch, New Zealand was awarded the position.

"Julie was chosen for her extensive experience and amazing ability playing bassoon. We are so excited she has accepted the position to join our orchestra," explained Jeannette Kolokoff, Executive Director at MOSC.

Prior to her appointment with the MOSC, Julie held positions in the USA with the Canton Symphony Orchestra, Youngstown Symphony Orchestra, ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, and CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra. While a Fulbright U.S. Program grant recipient in Switzerland, Julie was an Opernhaus Zürich voluntariat and performed with various European orchestras.

Most recently in New Zealand Julie worked as a freelance bassoonist with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, Christchurch Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra Wellington, Southern Sinfonia, and Opus Orchestra and was on contract with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. Alongside Julie's passion for music performance, she also taught bassoon, chamber music and Orff Schulwerk at the Christchurch School of Music and worked for the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra as their Marketing and Communications Coordinator and the Artistic Planning Assistant.

Earning her Masters of Music degree from Cleveland Institute of Music in 2011, she also holds a Masters of Music (German) from the University of Zurich which she completed in 2013. Julie has played with orchestras all over the world and is fluent in multiple languages including English, German and Spanish. She will also join the University of Texas of the Permian Basin as the Adjunct Bassoon Faculty later this month.

Julie will relocate to Midland, TX and join MOSC for the 2015-2016 season which kicks off on September 12th for the **"Opening Night at the Symphony"** performance.

For information on concerts, auditions, musicians, and more please visit **MOSC.ORG**

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