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## **Guest Artist Sponsorship extends EMF's Residency with Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg**

[GREENSBORO, N.C.] **Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg** will continue to bring her artistry, passion and musical intelligence to Eastern Music Festival for three more seasons through a renewed partnership with EMF made possible by the generosity of Nancy Hoffmann who has established 'The Jack Hoffmann Distinguished Guest Artist Sponsorship', in memory of Jack Hoffmann.

In addition to the three-year endowment of a distinguished Guest Artist Sponsorship, Hoffmann has made a legacy gift donating a substantial percentage of her estate to be paid to EMF over a ten-year period.

"Eastern Music Festival is a Greensboro cultural gem and integral to the vibrancy and high caliber of our Greensboro arts community," says Hoffmann. "Jack and I moved to Greensboro in 1997 and were amazed and delighted to find a summer classical music program here with a first-class orchestra, world-class conductor and guest artists, and a student teaching program comparable to the one we had left behind in the Berkshires in Massachusetts, summer home to the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood."

Musicians, staff and board are working together to promote a revitalized collective spirit at EMF. "Nancy's donation honoring her late husband, Jack Hoffmann, has allowed EMF to offer a three-year residency to Nadja," according to EMF executive director, Chris Williams. "Gifts like these help galvanize our new collaborative vision and promote EMF's continued growth and success."

Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg brings an excitement to her work that transcends her mastery of the violin. Her ability to control the stage and project confidence and musical prowess throughout performances have made her a favorite with students, faculty and EMF patrons.

According to Hoffmann, "These gifts, in honor of Jack and his love for classical music and opera, are intended to help ensure that EMF lives on for future generations; training young classical musicians and providing the finest musical programming for the citizens of Greensboro."

**About Eastern Music Festival:**

For the past 58 years, Eastern Music Festival has promoted musical enrichment, excellence, professional collaboration, innovation, and diversity through a nationally recognized teaching program, music festival, concerts, and other outreach programs in Greensboro and the Triad. Each summer, EMF attracts over 220 talented, dedicated young artists (ages 14-23) from across the U.S. and the globe to study and perform for five weeks with its 75-plus faculty musicians. EMF provides specialized courses of study for students in orchestral, piano, conducting, and classical guitar studies.

Eastern Music Festival returns June 22- July 27, 2019. For more information about EMF and the 2019 season, visit <http://www.easternmusicfestival.org>

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