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**MPBN Announces Search for Classical Music Host/Experienced
Manager for Dedicated Classical Music Radio Network**

Existing classical format will remain as resources are raised to launch a dedicated classical channel.

(Bangor/Portland/Lewiston) – The Maine Public Broadcasting Network announced the launch of a national search to find an experienced on-air host with deep broadcasting and managerial experience for MPBN’s Morning Classical host position. The chosen candidate will concurrently assist MPBN in launching a separate, full-time music channel as part of MPBN’s 2013 to 2018 Strategic Plan. The search will begin immediately and MPBN anticipates a lengthy vetting process to find the most qualified candidate.

“We are saddened that Suzanne Nance is leaving MPBN, but MPBN remains committed to classical programming. We will continue the current classical format on our existing signal while focusing our fundraising efforts to raise the support required for a new MPBN statewide signal dedicated to classical music and the arts,” stated MPBN’s President and CEO, Mark Vogelzang. “We realize how important this is to our dedicated listenership and seek an individual who can bring a real presence to classical music at MPBN and one who has the vision and experience to help us transition classical music to the new radio network.”

Morning Classical will continue with current host Suzanne Nance through the end of August and then existing staff will fill in the hosting duties as the search is conducted. Nance will be part of the initial search process, helping MPBN’s search team with her connections and deep experience as a classical broadcaster and ambassador to Maine’s performing arts community.

“We are guided by our strategic plan that clearly outlines MPBN’s future as focused on news, information, and journalism. We also believe that classical music – and music of all kinds – must have an enduring place at MPBN. We have designated that place as a separate channel where listeners across the region will have more choice and more hours of classical programming. This hire is one step in that direction. We hope that all of our members and community partners will join us in making this a reality,” continued Vogelzang.

About the Maine Public Broadcasting Network:

The Maine Public Broadcasting Network is Maine’s premier, independent media resource, dedicated to creating exceptional opportunities for the communities it serves to engage with critical issues, compelling stories and quality entertainment. MPBN is renowned for creating award-winning programs, as well as airing content from PBS, NPR, and other independent producers. Formed in 1992, MPBN is an independently owned and operated nonprofit organization with office and studio locations in Bangor, Lewiston, and Portland, Maine. For more information, visit www.mpbn.net.

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