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## **MPBN Announces Selection of new Music Director and Morning Classical Host**

(Bangor/Lewiston/Portland) – The Maine Public Broadcasting Network announces the selection of Robin Rilette as MPBN’s new Music Director and host of MPBN’s Morning Classical Music program. The result of a comprehensive national search, Rilette was vetted by MPBN staff in Bangor and Portland, community leaders in Maine, and members of arts organizations across the state. Rilette is expected to join MPBN in early February and immediately take over the Morning Classical host position.

Currently the Morning Classical host at Northwest Public Radio (NWPR) based in Pullman, Washington at the State University, Rilette has been responsible for the overall sound of music programming, including her own show, for a diverse audience across 19 FM channels in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia. Rilette has served as the face of classical music for NWPR for over twenty years through extensive community involvement, developing partnerships with arts organizations in each of the states that NWPR serves, and regularly hosting concerts and music festivals each year.

“When we started this search some four months ago we knew we needed to find an individual who had an exceptional on-air presence, possessed deep music knowledge not exclusive to classical music, had an affinity for connecting with the area arts organizations in a real and genuine way, and had the experience to help MPBN build a separate music channel ideally in the years ahead,” states MPBN’s President and CEO, Mark Vogelzang. “Robin is all this and more. While there were a number of very credible finalists for this position, it was clear that Robin’s deep experience, her passion for music, and her on-air persona were the absolute right fit for Maine and MPBN. We couldn’t be more excited and pleased to have her on board!”

MPBN plans to introduce Rilette to the community through informal ‘meet and greets’ at locations across the state, and through social media over the next several months.

### **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](http://www.mpbn.net).

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