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**MARTHA MING WHITFIELD APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
LAKE CHAMPLAIN CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The Lake Champlain Chamber Music Festival announces the appointment of Martha Ming Whitfield as Executive Director, effective January 1, 2011. Martha has been with the LCCMF as Festival Manager since 2009, and worked on the 2009 and 2010 Festivals.

Charles Dinklage, President of the LCCMF Board of Directors, says: "Martha was a terrific find for our organization and we couldn't be more pleased to have her overseeing the growth of the Festival."

Prior to working with LCCMF, Martha was Ballet Education Manager for the Royal Opera House in London, UK where she was responsible for a range of projects with a focus on the work of The Royal Ballet, including the education components of the company's Far East Tour in 2008.

Martha has also held positions as Co-Director of Education for the Flynn Center in Burlington, Education Coordinator for the Vermont Arts Council, and Coordinator of Educational Programs for American Repertory Ballet in New Brunswick, New Jersey. In addition to her work with LCCMF Martha serves on the Board of Directors of the Vermont Stage Company. She holds an M.Ed. from UVM in Interdisciplinary Studies.

The Lake Champlain Chamber Music Festival 2011 Season includes Winter Encore Concerts on February 25 and 26, featuring Soovin Kim and friends playing works including the Schubert Cello Quintet in C Major. The Summer Festival takes place August 21-28 at Elley-Long Music Center at Saint Michael's College.

For more information about the Festival and the 2011 season, including musician bios, please visit www.lccmf.org, call 802 846-2175, or email info@lccmf.org.