PRESS ADVISORY
New Artistic Director for Network For New Music

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Network for New Music is very pleased to announce that Thomas Schuttenhelm has been appointed the organization’s next Artistic Director. A composer, performer, and author currently residing in Hartford CT, Thomas will relocate to Philadelphia and begin his tenure on June 1, 2018, as Linda Reichert steps down after 33 years as Artistic Director of Network for New Music, which she co-founded in 1984.

Schuttenhelm was chosen from a pool of strong candidates after a nationwide search for new artistic leadership. “Thomas’s stellar knowledge and qualities as a communicator and advocate for contemporary music and culture stood out in particular, and will greatly benefit Network and the communities it serves,” said Network’s board chair, Patricia Manley. Added Reichert, “Thomas’s vision completely aligns with Network’s, and we’re all excited by the ideas and new perspectives he’ll bring to the new music community in Philadelphia.”

Schuttenhelm said, “I am thrilled and honored to be joining an organization whose commitment to commissioning and performing contemporary music is unmatched. I look forward to continuing the traditions that have earned Network its distinguished position and seek to develop new opportunities for creating and experiencing music in the vibrant arts cultures of Philadelphia.”

Network will introduce Schuttenhelm to its audiences and the Philadelphia community at a Fall 2018 Season Opener event, to be announced. In the meantime, the organization invites the community to Notes of Thanks, a celebration honoring Linda Reichert’s legacy with nine newly-commissioned works by American composers, taking place on April 29, 2018 at the Mary Louise Curtis Branch of the Settlement Music School. Visit http://www.networkfornewmusic.org/notes-of-thanks/ for tickets and more information.