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Media Statement

New NZSO Chief Executive welcomed

The government has welcomed the appointment of Peter Walls as the new Chief Executive Officer of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

"Peter Walls has been the Deputy Chair of the NZSO for the past six years and he has a broad and remarkable knowledge of international music and New Zealand works.

"He has been very successful in both teaching and bringing music to many communities throughout New Zealand through his work at Victoria University of Wellington and his work with the NZSO.

"I'm delighted that he is making this move and I am sure he will build on the great work of the NZSO while bringing new energy and insights to the orchestra."

Peter Walls replaces Ian Fraser who resigned to become CEO of TVNZ.

"lan Fraser's contribution to the NZSO was enormous, and I am sure TVNZ will benefit from his experience with the national orchestra.

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