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## Rachel Lappen

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For nearly twenty years, Cleveland Orchestra Senior Director of Development Rachel Lappen has been an arts administration professional. Ms. Lappen, whose career began in public relations at the New York Public Library/Library for the Performing Arts, has worked in marketing, operations, production, music publishing, artistic planning and, for the past ten years, in development. Having spent the majority of her career devoted to various aspects of the arts, she has had an opportunity to work with some of the most respected people and organizations in the field, including composer Philip Glass, Richard Frankel Productions, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and Chicago Symphony Orchestra. After joining The Cleveland Orchestra in 2017, Ms. Lappen was asked to serve as the organization's Interim Chief Development Officer. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Barnard College and her Master in Arts Administration from Columbia University. She lives in Cleveland with her husband and two children.