

## Simon Woods



Simon Woods joined the League of American Orchestras as President and CEO in September 2020. Woods brings more than 30 years of experience working with orchestras. He is deeply committed to equity, to the role of arts organizations in community, and to nurturing the next generation of arts leaders. From the late 1980s to the late 1990s, he worked as a record producer at EMI Classics in London, where he initiated and produced recordings at Abbey Road Studios and on location with many of the world's foremost classical artists and ensembles. He has held leadership roles with The Philadelphia Orchestra, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra, Seattle

Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the Grand Teton Music Festival. In March 2020 he joined the Board of Directors of National Arts Strategies. Woods earned a degree in music from Cambridge University and a diploma in conducting from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. Simon Woods was honored to become an American citizen in 2018.

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