



Emma Kail

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Executive Director

Grand Teton Music Festival

Emma Kail joined Grand Teton Music Festival as Executive Director in September 2020 after serving as General Manager of the Kansas City Symphony for nearly a decade. Over eight weeks each summer, Grand Teton

Music Festival unites over 250 celebrated orchestral musicians representing over 90 orchestras and 65 institutions of higher learning from across North America and Europe, led by Music Director Sir Donald Runnicles.

A lifelong musician, Emma previously held administrative positions with the Alabama Symphony, Omaha Symphony, and the Humanities Division at the University of Chicago. In 2007, Emma was selected for the Orchestra Management Fellowship Program of the League of American Orchestras, where her postings included the Atlanta and Pacific Symphony and Aspen Music Festival.

Emma graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy and earned her bachelor's degree in trumpet performance from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music and a master's degree from Cleveland Institute of Music. She pursued further study at the Glenn Gould School in Toronto, Canada, and the Vienna Conservatory in Vienna, Austria.

From 2011-2020, Emma designed all popular programming for the Kansas City Symphony, including the highly successful Pops Series, Special Concerts, Live Film + Orchestra events, and the Emmy Award-winning Memorial Day concert, Celebration at the Station.

In her two seasons at the Grand Teton Music Festival, the Festival has broken all historic revenue records and reached more free and ticketed audiences than ever. In 2022 the Festival launched an additional week of programming, a piano recital series, and its first semi-staged opera. In May 2023, the Festival's first commercial recording will be released on Reference Records, featuring the complete Beethoven Piano Concertos performed by Garrick Ohlsson and the Festival Orchestra led by Sir Donald Runnicles.

Emma resides in Jackson, WY, with her husband, Jeff, and their two sons, James (9) and Charlie (7).