

Dr. Andrea F. Warren

Pronouns: She/Her

President & CEO

Virginia Symphony Orchestra



Dr. Andrea F. Warren has had a profound impact on the fields of education and the arts. Named the president and chief executive officer of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra on November 28, 2022, Dr. Warren made history as the first Black woman to serve as President & CEO of a leading symphony orchestra in the United States and Canada. She is also one of the few African Americans to have ever served in an executive leadership role for an orchestra.

Dr. Warren's academic achievements are impressive. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in educational leadership from Virginia Tech. Her career spans over three decades, during which she has been a community leader, educator, and ardent advocate for the arts. Dr. Warren dedicated 13 years of her career to the Governor's School for the Arts, where she retired as the executive director in 2021. Her tenure at the school was marked by significant achievements:

- Securing and planning for the school's permanent home on Granby Street.
- Renovating the century-old Monroe Building into the Perry Family Arts Center.
- Creating and expanding programs for middle and high school students across Hampton Roads.
- Initiating a Visual and Performing Arts College Fair.
- Organizing summer camps in visual arts, vocal music, and musical theatre.

Before her time at the Governor's School, Dr. Warren contributed 20 years of service to Virginia Beach City Public Schools, where she held various teaching, coaching, and leadership roles. Her dedication to education and leadership has left a lasting legacy on the community.

As of June 30, 2025, Dr. Warren will move into her second retirement, marking the end of an illustrious career filled with groundbreaking achievements and unwavering commitment to education and the arts.

Dr. Andrea F. Warren's career is a testament to her dedication, leadership, and vision. Her contributions have not only transformed the institutions she has served but also paved the way for future leaders in education and the arts. Her legacy continues to inspire and uplift communities, demonstrating the powerful impact of a committed and passionate leader.

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