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PENINSULA MUSIC FESTIVAL CELEBRATES DAVID & MERRILEE ELLIOTT!

EPHRAIM, WI - Last week I received a call from David Elliott with the sad news that after 40 years of service, dedication, and leadership, he would be stepping down as Personnel Manager as he and wife Merrilee have made the difficult decision to retire. Yet another changing of the guard for our storied Festival that evokes great reverence, respect, and appreciation from all of us here at PMF!

It has been my great privilege to work with David over the past two years, and I wish them well as they embark upon new and exciting chapters ahead. The Elliotts will always be cherished members of the PMF family, so I promised to leave the light on for whenever they'd like to return for a visit!

Erich Peterson, Assistant Personnel Manager, has been named as the Festival Orchestra's new Personnel Manager, and has already begun work in his new role. When not in Door County, Erich is an esteemed member of the Horn section and Personnel Manager for the Grand Rapids Symphony in Michigan, where he lives with his wife and two lovely daughters. I have known Erich since 1992, and have the utmost respect for him, his abilities, and his humanity. It will be my pleasure to work with him in this capacity.

Great colleagues are never replaced, we just "add-on" to their legacy and hope that we make them proud! Please join me in wishing David and Merrilee the very best as they explore all that retirement has to offer!

With thanks and gratitude,

Christoph Ptack
Executive Director