



## Bio: Peter Stafford Wilson



Peter Stafford Wilson has served the Columbus Symphony since 1990 when he joined the conducting staff as Assistant Conductor. In 1993 he was promoted to Associate Conductor, and since that time has appeared on all of the CSO's subscription, education and outreach series. For several years he served as artistic director of the Festival Weeks at the Southern Theater, and now plays a prominent role in the CSOventions Series. He has also led the CSO in performances throughout the state of Ohio, and in collaborative performances with BalletMet.

Wilson also leads the nationally renowned Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestras program, conducting the senior orchestra, the Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Columbus All-City Orchestra, comprised of students from the Columbus City Schools. Under Wilson's leadership, the CSYO has appeared at national conventions of the Music Educators National Conference and the League of American Orchestras. The group has also toured internationally as well, with highly acclaimed performances in Canada, Europe, China, and Hong Kong.

Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, Peter Stafford Wilson graduated from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where he was a protégée of the late Thomas Schippers. He also attended L'Accademia Santa Cecilia in Rome, the Aspen Music School, and the Pierre Monteux School for Conductors. He also has held conducting posts with the Canton Symphony Orchestra, the Eastern Music Festival, the Ohio Light Opera, and the Cincinnati Symphony. Wilson enjoyed a lengthy association with the Cleveland Orchestra, acting as cover conductor for performances at Severance Hall and the Blossom Music Center.

In addition to his duties with the CSO, Wilson has served the Springfield Symphony Orchestra as Music Director since 2001, and the Westerville Symphony at Otterbein College as Music Director for over 16 years.

Peter Stafford Wilson's American guest conducting invitations have come from the orchestras of Charlotte, Chautauqua, Dallas, Detroit, Indianapolis, Louisville, North Carolina, Phoenix, Seattle, and Syracuse among many others. Internationally, he has appeared in China, Europe, and South America.

Wilson resides in Westerville with his wife Barbara Karam Wilson, Senior Tax Accountant for White Castle System, Inc, and when not conducting, he is an avid golfer, wine enthusiast, and gourmet cook.