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BOISE, ID—Last night, the musicians of the Boise Philharmonic presented the board of directors with a statement, in which members from the Orchestra Committee (the official bargaining representatives of the musicians) said that the orchestra members had voted to merge their Orchestra Committee with the American Federation of Musicians Local 689. The Boise Phil board is preparing to discuss the path forward with the Orchestra Committee members.

The board and management are saddened that the musicians feel alienated and are moving in a new direction without informing them first.

The Boise Phil has, for decades, worked directly with its valued musicians. A Master Agreement, negotiated between the musicians (represented by the Orchestra Committee) and the Boise Phil, has been the guiding document for this orchestra, and has included many of the working conditions, expectations and protections for musicians that are found in union contracts. Boise Phil musicians serve as voting members on the Boise Phil board and committees, and have made up half the membership of the search committees that have chosen our music directors over the years.

In all circumstances, the Boise Phil is committed to the artistic success and financial sustainability of the orchestra to continue to enrich our community through music.

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