

# Appointment - Executive Director



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The Board of the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals is pleased to announce the appointment of Gary Morton, Ottawa, as the new Executive Director of FCMF.

Gary brings to the position a wealth of experience and a very unique mix of talents with multi-faceted expertise. He has been the Executive Director of the Kiwanis Music Festival, National Capital Region for the past 15 years, and as such he has first-hand knowledge of Festival organization at the local, provincial and national levels. In addition, he has a proven record of administrative skills, fiscal management, web design and desktop publishing. Gary has a Bachelor of Music with a Major in Composition and has been a professional musician his entire life. He is a retired member of the RCMP Band (Assistant Director of Music), Film Composer, Arranger and Instrumentalist.

Gary has shared the stage with Prime Ministers, notable stars such as Celine Dion, the Canadian Brass and Rosemary Clooney, conducted the RCMP Band in concert and a 70 piece Pops Orchestra, composed the sound tracks for TV Specials - *Care Bears*, *Babar*, *For Better or For Worse*, *The Tin Soldier* - and was chosen to compose a piece for the City of Peterborough featuring a choir, a concert band and a narrator.

Gary still works as an independent Event Producer, Band Leader and Contractor. He has just been elected to the Board of Directors of Local 180, American Federation of Musicians and is beginning his fifth season as Cappies Gala Music Director.

Please join us in welcoming Gary as we move forward in a new era for the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals!

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