

Conductor **NANCIA DALIMONTE** is founder and Music Director of NIH Philharmonia, Bethesda, MD, which is in its twenty-second season. Additionally, she directs Kennedy Center's annual holiday concert, the *Messiah* Sing-Along, this year to be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Previously, she was Music Director of Loudoun Symphony Orchestra and Artistic Director of The Arlington Chorale, transforming both groups into vibrant ensembles. From 2005-2015 she directed The George Washington University Orchestra. Throughout her career DALimonte has captivated audiences with her high energy, command, and charisma. An internationally recognized orchestral conductor, her guest conducting appearances have taken her from this country (New York, Colorado, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Tennessee) to Russia (Academic State Ballet Theatre in St. Petersburg), and from Romania (Mihail Jora Bacau Philharmonic) to Moldova (National Chamber Orchestra, Chisinau).

Gifted in creating original and innovative programs, and a born educator and communicator, Dr. DALimonte enthralls her audiences with exhilarating concerts along with lively historical commentary and musical anecdotes. Musicians who play under her baton are equally inspired, praising her musicality, rhythmic clarity, and breadth of knowledge. She is referred to as "an orchestra musician's conductor".

Known for the versatility of her talents, Nancia DALimonte has been an education programs consultant for the National Philharmonic at The Music Center at Strathmore for 13 years. For this, she crafted multimedia productions performed annually for 10,000 Montgomery County second graders. She is a frequent adjudicator for Festivals of Music and a sought-after guest conductor and clinician.

Dr. DALimonte holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in orchestral conducting from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY, with Mendi Rodan as her teacher. A former professional horn player, including principal horn for Oshawa Symphony Orchestra (outside Toronto, CA), she earned a Master of Music in horn performance from Ithaca College and studied horn at the Royal Flemish Music Conservatory in Brussels, Belgium. Nancia lives in Falls Church, VA with her husband Giancarlo, their moyen poodle Piccolo Lupo, and both are avid scuba divers.