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Raleigh Boychoir names new executive director

RALEIGH -- Milton Costen has been named the executive director of the Raleigh Boychoir, just as the venerable musical institution begins its 50th season.

"I am so enthused to become a part of the family of choristers, parents, alumni and invested community members who make the Raleigh Boychoir such an exceptional organization - many voices creating one sound," Costen said.

Costen, a multifaceted musician, teacher and non-profit professional, is passionate about the performing arts and education. Over the past 15 years, he has developed his artistry as a flutist, vocalist, composer, and educator, while honing his expertise in nonprofit management. He holds two B.A. degrees, one in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the other in Music Performance from Washington Adventist University. Costen recently graduated with a M.S. degree in Nonprofit and Association Management from the University of Maryland University College.

Originally from Washington, D.C., he has served many educational institutions in that region including Community Systems, Inc., PHILLIPS Programs, and the University of Maryland. He currently works in development at the Johnston Community College Foundation, in Smithfield, N.C., providing leadership in data analytics, communications and gift stewardship.

Costen lives in Clayton, N.C., with his wife, Coleta, and their four children.

"Milton will bring incredible leadership for the Raleigh Boychoir as we continue to transform and help more boys' voices to be heard," said Jeremy Tucker, Artistic Director for the organization. "I look forward to welcoming him into the Arts community in North Carolina! Milton will bring energy, leadership and innovative thinking to the office of the Executive Director for the Raleigh Boychoir."

For more information on the Raleigh Boychoir, visit www.raleighboychoir.org.