

SOFIA OCHOA RESIGNS POST AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE MIAMI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

As the wife of founder Manuel Ochoa, Sofia has been with symphony since its inception, working closely with musicians, board and guild members, box office and South Florida's cultural community

MIAMI, FL (June 26, 2008) – Sofia Ochoa, executive director of the Miami Symphony Orchestra officially announced today her resignation from the post she has held since July 26, 2006, one week after the death of her husband Manuel Ochoa, the symphony's founder. The resignation is effective August 31, 2009.

Citing "personal reasons" for resigning, Ms. Ochoa adds that "Miami Symphony has been my passion, my life and my joy for the past 20 years. Indeed it has been a privilege to be a founding member of the orchestra."

The Miami Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1989 by Maestro Manuel Ochoa. It is Miami's longest established professional orchestra and the only major symphony in the U.S. founded by a Hispanic conductor. Under the baton of music director and conductor Maestro Eduardo Marturet, the Miami Symphony Orchestra is entering its 21st season.

Over the past two decades, Ms. Ochoa's dedication in handling the myriad tasks of managing a growing arts organization earned her the Unsung Heroes Award from the Miami-Dade Cultural Alliance.

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