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## Press Release

### Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment Leadership to Change

The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment announced today that Stephen Carpenter will be stepping down as Chief Executive at the end of 2014.

Stephen Carpenter said, "After what will have been eight fulfilling years with this wonderful Orchestra, I have decided to move on from the OAE and seek new opportunities either in the orchestral world or outside it. This has been a decision that I have been considering for some while, and I have taken it at a time when the OAE is riding high artistically and has just had the important endorsement of support as one of Arts Council England's National Portfolio Organisations which will extend up to 2018. My activities in 2015 and beyond may take on a freelance pattern and there is one particular business enterprise that I will be pursuing which would not have been possible with the fulltime demands of being CEO of the OAE. I wish the management team, the board and musicians of the OAE every success in the future."

OAE Chairman, Sir Martin Smith, said "The OAE owes a great debt of gratitude to Stephen. He has steered our organisation through an extraordinary period in its development, with great skill, unflagging commitment and consistent courtesy. He leaves the Orchestra in a very strong position artistically and with an excellent and highly motivated management team in place to take us forward."

"We would like to thank Stephen very much for his considerable contribution to the OAE over the last seven years, and to wish him all the very best as he pursues new endeavours."

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