

Kathleen Wilson

Interim Executive Director

Kathleen Wilson was born in Pittsburgh and began her harp studies in Pittsburgh with Paula Page, continuing with Alice Chalifoux at the Cleveland Institute of Music where she received a Bachelor of Music and Master of Music in harp performance. She joined the Charleston Symphony in 1987 as the Principal Harpist after performing with various orchestras throughout Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania as well as the Chautauqua Festival Orchestra. She is an annual performer in the Piccolo Spoleto Festival and has appeared as soloist with the Charleston Symphony performing works by Mozart (Flute and Harp concerto, Paula Robison, flutist), Ravel and Grandjany.

Kathleen has international standing as an open water marathon swimmer, having completed numerous world class long distance events. She was named one of Charleston's Most Remarkable Women 2001 with Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. proclaiming October 9, 2001 as Kathleen Wilson Day in the City of Charleston in recognition of her English Channel crossing, the first by a South Carolina resident.

In November 2005, Kathleen was elected to Charleston City Council, representing District 12, James Island. Her major areas of focus include traffic and transportation improvements and improved recreational amenities for all residents, especially aquatics. This past July, 2008, she was awarded a Liberty Fellowship, a statewide leadership initiative affiliated with the Aspen Institute, designed to identify and cultivate South Carolina's most promising leadership.

Kathleen, a devoted and lifetime fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and avid baker, is married with two children.