



**Katie Wyatt**

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Katie Wyatt is an executive, musician and innovator in social change. In July 2016, Katie became the first President and CEO of El Sistema USA, the national network inspired by the international phenomenon of music for social change that began in Venezuela in the 1970s. El Sistema USA has more than 115 organizational members, with a mission of supporting and growing a nationwide movement of programs inspired by El Sistema to effect social change through music for children with the fewest resources and the greatest need. She is a John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Citizen Artist Fellow, and enjoys speaking and consulting on the power of music for social change. Katie teaches "Social Entrepreneurship and the Arts" at Duke University and performs frequently as a violist. Katie lives in Southern Pines, North Carolina with her husband Dr. Aaron Vandermeer, their daughter Petra and their dog Bear.