

BILL THOMAS
Executive Director

Bill Thomas is Executive Director of the New York Philharmonic. Mr. Thomas initially joined the Philharmonic administration in 1999 as Chief Financial Officer and was named General Manager in 2004. In 2006 he joined the staff of The Metropolitan Opera as assistant manager and chief financial officer. He rejoined the New York Philharmonic as Senior Vice President in 2008. As Executive Director he oversees the Operations, Finance, Human Resources, Marketing, Customer Relations, Information Technology, and Digital departments and works in close cooperation with the President and CEO in shaping and implementing the Philharmonic's strategic initiatives.

Prior to joining the Philharmonic, Mr. Thomas held several non-profit and government positions, including deputy executive director of the Brooklyn Public Library, commissioner of finance for the City of Yonkers, deputy New York City finance commissioner, budget director for the Manhattan Borough President, associate director of Research and Negotiations for DC 37, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and analyst for the New York State Financial Control Board. He has also served as board chairman of the West Side YMCA, and as a board member of Delta Dental of New York. He is currently a trustee of the American Federation of Musicians Pension Fund.

Bill Thomas has served as a faculty advisor in public policy at the New School and New York University (NYU), lectured at NYU's graduate program in arts management, and taught non-profit management at City College's graduate program in Public Service Management. He currently teaches finance at Roosevelt University's Chicago College of the Performing Arts. Mr. Thomas holds a B.A. in American History, magna cum laude, from the City College of New York, and an M.P.A. from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, where he was a public service fellow.