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PLYMOUTH PHIL ANNOUNCES 2023/24 SEASON

PLYMOUTH, MA — The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra and Music Director Steven Karidoyanes announce a dazzling 2023-24 season featuring orchestral masterworks, electrifying pops performances, and exceptional guest artists. In addition to the exciting slate of programs, the season marks Steven Karidoyanes' 30th anniversary with the orchestra.

“It’s hard to believe this is my 30th season with the orchestra,” says conductor Karidoyanes. “I am profoundly grateful to be a part of this excellent orchestra and organization, serving a community where this excellence is recognized.”

A full list of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra’s 2023-24 season is included below. Reserve the best seats by purchasing tickets now. All concerts are on sale at plymouthphil.org or by calling 508-746-8008.

OPENING NIGHT!

Wanting More

September 30, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Plymouth Memorial Hall

Our 108th season opens with a musical fireball - Nancy Galbraith’s *A Festive Violet Pulse* - and two heart-wrenching masterpieces that always leave us *wanting more*. The musicians’ choice: Prokofiev’s brilliant *Romeo and Juliet, Suite No. 2*. The director’s choice: Peter Boyer’s *Ellis Island: The Dream of America*, which was nominated for a Grammy and turned into a PBS Great Performance. Narrated by actors **Marianne Leone** and **Ed Hoopman**, accompanied by the orchestra.

Simply the Best

November 4, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Plymouth North High School Performing Arts Center

Appalachian Spring is Copland’s most famous composition; some call it his best. He wrote it for

choreographer Martha Graham, who crafted it into a ballet about a frontier couple on their wedding day. Inside this musical tapestry, he wove variations of the Shaker hymn *Simple Gifts*, little presents for the newlywed pair, so full of youth, optimism, and hope. When the dancers first heard the score, they said it was like sunshine spilling across the floor. Tchaikovsky's concerto is also among the best. Although he wrote such lush, sweeping melodies for strings, it is the only violin concerto he ever composed. This singular sensation empowers the soloist and orchestra to soar, roar, and leave everything they've got on the concert hall floor.

Baroque & Beyond

November 17, 2023 at 7 PM

Plymouth Memorial Hall

The Phil is honored to participate in **America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration**. The weekend of festivities has become a beloved holiday occasion.

Enjoy a gorgeous concert featuring baroque-era favorites. Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 2*, which showcases a quartet of *the Phil's* own principal musicians, is on this festive program that includes Handel's *Water Music*, Pachelbel's *Canon*, and music by American composers.

All Seats \$35!

Hometown Holiday

December 9, 2023 at 3 PM & 7:30 PM

December 10, 2023 at 3 PM

Plymouth Memorial Hall

There's no place like home for the holidays, so let's deck Memorial Hall and jingle all the way there! It's Mr. Scrooge's (180th!) anniversary so let's party like the Dickens and unwrap the best gift ever—*The Ghost of Christmas Present*, a mini, magical, musical vignette from *A Christmas Carol* with actor **Neil McGarry** playing all the parts. Another fabulous friend, tenor **Matthew Anderson**, shines with holiday spirit with *God Bless Us, Everyone* from Disney's version of the Dickens classic. We'll also take a sleigh ride into the great holiday songbook, tune up our annual charity toy drive, and say hello to our favorite seasonal sidekick, the one-and-only St. Nick!

What the World Needs Now: Burt Bacharach & Friends

January 20, 2024 | 7:30 PM

January 21, 2024 | 3 PM

Plymouth Memorial Hall

What the world needs now...is more Bacharach. This die-hard romantic packed 73 Top 40 hits into his songbook including *The Look of Love*, *This Guy's in Love with You*, *I'll Never Fall in Love Again*, *Close to You*, *I Say a Little Prayer*, and *Walk on By*. So, just like his Martini and Rossi jingle, say yes-yes-yes to this tuneful tribute to one of the best composers of all time! Featuring *the Phil* performing with acclaimed Broadway vocalists.

Hocus Pocus: Magical Music

March 10, 2024 at 3 PM

Instrument Demonstration at 2 PM

Plymouth Memorial Hall

Broomsticks. Bassoons. Bedlam! At this magical concert for all ages, we'll perform one of the most iconic pieces of orchestral music today, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* featured prominently on Disney's *Fantasia*. Then, with a tap of the wand, we're off on a wild ride to an icy planet that seems to somersault through space. Holst unleashes his orchestral tricks to show us the full power of *Uranus, the Magician*. Watch very closely; our Conductor has a few more musical tricks (and cards) up his tuxedo sleeve.

Great Collaborations

March 23, 2024 | 7:30 PM

Plymouth Memorial Hall

Great music comes from great collaborations. Wampanoag historian and storyteller **Jonathan James Perry**, joined by the **Community Spirit Singers**, narrates Tonya Wind Singer's richly-layered orchestral tone poem with a big drum circle finale inspired by legends of the People of the First Light. More than a century earlier, Mussorgsky composed *Pictures at an Exhibition* with Ravel transforming it into a concerto for orchestra. And in honor of our own ongoing collaboration with the **South Shore Conservatory Youth Orchestra**, we'll unleash two orchestras on *The Bamboula*.

Queens of Rock & Soul: Tina Turner & Aretha Franklin

April 27, 2024 | 7:30 PM

April 28, 2024 | 3 PM

Plymouth Memorial Hall

What's Love Got to Do With It? Absolutely everything! When it comes to the queens of rock and soul, there's no royal debate. These reigning divas gave us six decades of incredible, chart-topping, heart-stopping hits. We're talking Grammy-makers and record breakers. Songs that prove all that glitters go platinum and gold. *Proud Mary, Simply the Best, Natural Woman, Respect, and Chain of Fools*. There *Aint' No Way* you can miss this musical lovefest with your favorite orchestra performing with some of Broadway's shiniest stars.

Venues

Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth, MA

Plymouth North High School Performing Arts Center, 41 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA

Photo Attachments:

The Way Home-5475.jpg: Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra trumpet section featuring (L-R): Tobias Monte, Kyra Hulligan, and Richard Kelley.

The Way Home-5499.jpg: The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra performing at Memorial Hall, spring 2023; Steven Karidoyanes, conductor

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About the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra

The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra is a premier non-profit cultural institution in Massachusetts.

Dedicated to artistic excellence and community enrichment, the orchestra offers world-class

performances, innovative outreach programs, and strong community partnerships. Now launching its 108th season, *the Phil's* mission is to inspire, engage, and entertain through the power of live music. For more information, visit plymouthphil.org or call 508-746-8008.