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Festive July 4th Concert kicks off Conductor's 30th Season with *the Phil*

PLYMOUTH, MA -- The **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** kicks off its 108th season in grand style, performing **The Esther and Alcide Ruffini Fourth of July Concert**, a free-to-the-public Independence Day celebration. **Steven Karidoyanes**, who begins with this festive concert his 30th season as music director of *the Phil*, conducts.

“I still just can’t believe I’m beginning my 30th season with the orchestra,” says Conductor Karidoyanes. “What a great way to start, though. This concert is such a joy-filled celebration of community and country – and it’s all done with exciting music performed by the excellent musicians of our Plymouth Philharmonic!”

Performance highlights include actor **Marianne Leone** reading excerpts from the *Declaration of Independence* accompanied by a lush symphonic score, **Tchaikovsky’s** stirring *1812 Overture*, and a swinging medley of music titled *Salute to Ol’ Blue Eyes*, commemorating the passing of **Frank Sinatra** 25 years ago this spring.

The Phil’s July 4th concert also features music from two films that debuted 30 years ago this year — and both penned by Hollywood living legend, **John Williams**. The achingly-beautiful *Theme from ‘Schindler’s List’* will feature *the Phil’s* concertmaster, **Ana-Maria LaPointe**, as the violin

soloist. Then, as a dramatic contrast, the orchestra presents *Highlights from 'Jurassic Park.'* “No two John Williams film scores could be further apart in style,” notes Karidoyanes, “and they were composed almost simultaneously!”

The concert takes place in historic **Pilgrim Memorial State Park** on the Plymouth Waterfront, across from the natural amphitheater of Cole’s Hill. The music starts at **7:30 PM** on **Tuesday, July 4th** (rain date: Wednesday, July 5th).

The Esther and Alcide Ruffini Fourth of July Concert is made possible through the generosity of **The Ruffini Charitable Trust** with additional support from **The James Spooner Trust** and the **Town of Plymouth Promotions Fund**. The 108th Season of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra is funded in part by the **Massachusetts Cultural Council**, a state agency.

The concert will be broadcast and streamed live on **WATD 95.9-FM** and **PACTV, Plymouth Area Community Television** (Comcast channel 13 and Verizon Channel 43).

PHOTO ATTACHMENTS:

Steven Karidoyanes conducts the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Independence Day Celebration, 2019. Photo by E. Gene Chambers.

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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.