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THE PLYMOUTH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA PRESENTS A FUN & FESTIVE HOLIDAY POPS

PLYMOUTH, MA – A South Shore tradition for many families, the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** presents *Holiday Pops*, a festive concert of seasonal favorites conducted by **Steven Karidoyanes**.

“We’re so excited! In a wonderful confluence of calendars, several much-loved holiday traditions observe meaningful anniversaries this year, and we’re celebrating them all during our concerts,” says Conductor Karidoyanes. “Music from *Messiah*, *Nutcracker*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and ‘Twas the Night before Christmas’ will be presented by the fabulous musicians of our orchestra and our guest performers. This special ‘Holiday Anniversary Bouquet’ will be beautiful and fun!”

Milestone musical anniversaries observed in 2022 include the 280th anniversary of Handel’s *Messiah*; the 200th anniversary of Clement C. Moore’s *A Visit from St. Nicholas*; the 130th anniversary of Tchaikovsky’s *The Nutcracker*; and the 65th publishing anniversary of Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel’s cherished book, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*

Back by popular demand, acclaimed vocal artist and stage actor **Philip Lima** is equally at home

in opera or with the **Boston Pops**. He returns to *the Phil* to sing *The Trumpet Shall Sound* from *Messiah*. He also gives an energetic reading of Clement C. Moore's *A Visit from St. Nicholas* — also known as *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* — with a sparkly accompaniment provided by the orchestra.

The **Plymouth Community Intermediate School 6th Grade Chorus** directed by **Jessica Fuller** returns to the Holiday Pops concert stage this year to perform *You're a Mean One, Mister Grinch*, as well as *Believe* from the animated feature film, *The Polar Express*.

Rounding out the anniversary observances, the orchestra performs music from *The Nutcracker* ballet, then veers 180 degrees to present *A Mad Russian's Christmas*, a compilation of *Nutcracker* tunes as performed by the **Trans-Siberian Orchestra**.

These family-friendly events include the much-anticipated “**March of the Toys**” parade, a charity toy drive. Concert attendees are invited to bring an unwrapped new toy to join in the spirit of giving. Collected toys are then distributed to deserving families by the **Children's Holiday Fund** administered by the **Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless**.

There are two performances on **Saturday, December 10th** at **3 PM** and **7:30 PM**, and a **3 PM** matinee on **Sunday, December 11th**. All three weekend performances are at **Plymouth Memorial Hall**.

The concerts are sponsored by **Newfield House** with additional support from the **Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation**. The media sponsors are **Old Colony Memorial, Patriot Ledger, and Wicked Local, along with WATD 95.9-FM**. *The Phil's* 107th season is sponsored in part by the **Massachusetts Cultural Council**, a state agency.

Limited tickets are still available for purchase at plymouthphil.org or by calling *the Phil* at 508-746-8008.

Memorial Hall is located on 83 Court Street/Route 3A, Plymouth, MA.

For more information about the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra's 107th season, visit plymouthphil.org

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Next event of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra:

Shaken, Not Stirred: Music of James Bond

Saturday, Jan. 28 | 7:30 PM

Sunday, Jan. 29 | 3 PM

Steven Karidoyanes, conductor

Nobody Does it Better. Especially Hollywood. Sixty-some years. Twenty-seven flicks. One common denominator: Double-O-Seven. That's right, Bond. James Bond. He's dashing, daring, and deadly. Just like his soundtrack: tuned up like an Aston Martin, killer brass and an explosion of strings. From *Skyfall* to *Thunderball*, we'll bring it all. *For Your Eyes Only*, *The Look of Love* and *A View to Kill*. Forget *Casino Royale*. This is Symphony Royale; the perfect musical martini. Full of swagger. Oh-so sultry. Shaken, not stirred.

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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 in its 107th season, *the Phil's* mission is to inspire, engage, and entertain through the power of live music.