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### PLYMOUTH PHIL PRESENTS CARTOON CLASSICS

#### A Family Music Fest for All Ages!

PLYMOUTH, MA — Fans of classic cartoons, especially those who enjoy classical music are in for a real treat. On March 9th the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** led by Conductor **Steven Karidoyanes** performs a fantastic mix of music from old cartoons that exposed generations of kids to classical music. The shenanigans of Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, and Daffy Duck in cartoons from Warner Bros.' *Looney Tunes* and *Merrie Melodies* were accompanied by scores from Rossini's *The Barber (er, Rabbit) of Seville*, Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsody*, and Wagner's *Ride of the Valkyries*. This animated music fest also features more recent cartoon compositions including *The Duel* from John Williams' Oscar-nominated score to *The Adventures of TinTin* and a fun musical mash-up of two cartoon themes, *The Flintstones Meet The Jetsons*.

“Before I ever stepped foot into a concert hall, my first introduction to symphonic music was hearing all of those zany Warner Brother cartoons on television,” confesses Karidoyanes. “It

certainly made a strong impression on me. I can't imagine my life without this music so I've captured all of that sonic magic into our afternoon "Cartoon Classics" program. It's going to be great fun!"

Joining the Plymouth Philharmonic with hosting duties is special guest **Laura Carlo**. Ms. Carlo has been WCRB's Morning Program Host for 28 years. In 2022 she was inducted into the Massachusetts Broadcaster's Hall of Fame. In addition to her daily program, she writes numerous blogs each year about different classical topics for the station's website, [classical.org](http://classical.org). Laura has written, produced and hosted numerous programs for WCRB, including "ArtsAlive!," "Laura's Book Nook," "CEO Spotlight," "Making Waves," and "Baroque in Boston."

*The Phil* is also pleased to welcome **Rachel Casavant**, the overall winner this January in the South Shore Conservatory Concerto Competition. Rachel is a 14-year-old freshman at Plymouth North High School. She started playing piano when she was six years old and has been taking her piano lessons with HuiMin Wang at the South Shore Conservatory since she was eleven. She won first place in her age division in the Conservatory's 2023 Concerto Competition, as well as in the 2024 Solo Competition.

This concert is part of the national food drive, ***Orchestras Feeding America***. Audience members are encouraged to bring and contribute non-perishable food items to benefit the **South Shore Community Action Council's Food Resources Program** which will be distributed locally by SSCAC's Food Distribution Center.

The performance takes place on **Sunday, March 9, 3:00 PM at Plymouth Memorial Hall** located at 83 Court Street/Route 3A, Plymouth, MA. Preceding the concert, attendees will have the chance to meet the musicians at a **2:00 PM Instrument Demonstration**.

*The Phil* is offering special ticket prices of \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 & under, making this an ideal concert for anyone new to live orchestral music or anyone who wants

to experience a joyful afternoon of upbeat entertainment. Tickets are on sale now at [plymouthphil.org](http://plymouthphil.org) or by calling 508-746-8008.

Upcoming concerts presented by the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra include *Made In America* (March 29, 7:30pm) and *Celtic Spirit: Eileen Ivers & Orchestra* (May 3, 7:30pm; May 4, 3pm).

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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 performing its 109<sup>th</sup> season, *the Phil's* mission is to inspire, engage, and entertain through the power of its live music. For more information, visit [plymouthphil.org](http://plymouthphil.org) or call 508-746-8008.