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### ***THE PHIL CASTS A SPELL WITH HOCUS POCUS: MAGICAL MUSIC, A CONCERT FOR ALL AGES***

PLYMOUTH, MA — On Sunday afternoon, **March 10**, **Steven Karidoyanes** conducts the **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** in a spellbinding concert for all ages, *Hocus Pocus: Magical Music*. The program features music from John Williams' epic score, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *Uranus, the Magician* from Holst's *The Planets*, and the much-loved *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, music considered a symphonic *tour de force* made famous in Disney's animated classic, *Fantasia*.

“Our excellent musicians and the collective power of our orchestra will be on full display in this special magic-themed program,” exclaims conductor Karidoyanes. “We promise to surround you with splashes of sonic color, waves of high energy, and thrilling sweeps of sound. Be prepared to be blown away!”

With a tap of the wand, conductor Karidoyanes will introduce the **South Shore Conservatory's** Youth Concerto Competition winner, **Jacob Lewack**. The 15-year-old pianist will magically perform music from Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 2*.

This one-hour concert is perfect for youth and adults alike. It 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 **Food Warehouse of Greater Plymouth**.

**Jacob Lewack** is a freshman at Hingham High School. He began playing the piano at age seven, and he has been studying piano at South Shore Conservatory under HuiMin Wang since 2022. Along with winning the 2024 Youth Concerto Competition, he won the South Shore Conservatory's 2023 Piano Solo Competition. In addition to the piano, Jacob plays viola and is a member of Hingham High School Chamber Ensemble, where he has been invited to play in the 2024 MMEA Southeastern District Junior Festival.

*Hocus Pocus: Magical Music* will be held at Plymouth Memorial Hall on Sunday, March 10 at 3 PM. Prior to the concert, the orchestra will hold its popular instrument demonstration beginning at 2 PM. Concert attendees are invited to meet the musicians and learn more about the instruments. Pro-tip: The instrument demonstration is not just for kids!

*The Phil* is offering special ticket pricing 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.

## **IF YOU GO:**

### **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra Presents**

#### **Hocus Pocus: Magical Music**

Steven Karidoyanes, conductor

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Instrument Demonstration | 2 PM

Concert | 3 PM

Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street/Route 3A, Plymouth

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Next event of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra:

### **GREAT COLLABORATIONS**

Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 PM

Plymouth Memorial Hall

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Great music comes from great collaborations! Highlights include a side-by-side performance of *Rhapsodic Dance: The Bamboula* with the South Shore Conservatory Youth Orchestra, along with Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Five Variants of "Dives and Lazarus,"* Tonya Wind Singer's *Wampanoag: Stories for All Time* with a big drum circle finale.

### **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 108th season, *the Phil's* mission is to inspire, engage, and entertain through the power of live music. For more information, visit [plymouthphil.org](http://plymouthphil.org) or call 508-746-8008.