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PLYMOUTH PHIL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDS JUNIOR AND SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Plymouth, MA — The **Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra** Music Scholarship Committee announces the winners of the 2024-2025 Junior and Senior music scholarships.

The Junior Scholarship winner, **Anthony Ricci** from **Hingham**, will use his award of \$2500 to defray the cost of a new baritone saxophone, the instrument on which Anthony excels. Throughout his years at **Hingham High School**, Anthony has been very active in the school's Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Chamber Winds ensembles, and has been a member of competitive music festivals such as the Southeastern District Music Festival and the SEMSBA Music Festival. A new instrument will enhance Anthony's success in applying to a four-year college music program in the upcoming 2025-26 school year. The committee looks forward to hearing about Anthony's plans for college.

Joshua Nielsen, a graduating senior from **Plymouth North High School**, receives The Pine Hills Partners Senior Music Scholarship. Joshua plays classical guitar and, as described by Plymouth Phil music director **Steven Karidoyanes**, "has mastered his instrument to an exceptional degree." In addition to participating in various Plymouth North music ensembles, Joshua has performed with the New England Guitar Orchestra and the Boston Guitar Fest, an academy run by the renowned guitar virtuoso, Eliot Fisk. Joshua plans a double major course of study in music technology and classical guitar performance and will attend the University of Vermont this fall.

The Plymouth Philharmonic has awarded the Junior Music Scholarships since 2015. The scholarship is open to any high school junior attending a public or private school in Plymouth County who intends to

apply in the fall of senior year to a four-year music program majoring in instrumental or vocal performance, music education, or music composition. The scholarship is given during the junior year to enhance a student's chances of admission to the music school of his or her choice. The award may be used for additional music lessons, master classes or workshops, summer music camps, tuition, travel costs to any of the above, purchase of a better instrument, or other expenses that raise the level of a student's qualifications as an applicant to a music school.

The Pine Hills Partners Scholarship began in 2022 when the tournament committee designated a portion of their annual tournament fees to *the Phil* exclusively to fund an annual music scholarship. This music scholarship of \$4,000 is awarded to a graduating senior residing in the Town of Plymouth who plans to pursue a music degree in musical performance, music education, or composition at a four-year college.

The Plymouth Philharmonic Music Scholarship Committee is chaired by the Plymouth Phil vice chair, **Kevin R. Kiley**, and includes community members **Susan Sylvester** and **Jean Landis Naumann**, Phil board members **Mary Toropov** and **John Emler**, and conductor Karidoyanes. For information about the scholarships, log onto plymouthphil.org/scholarships or contact the Scholarship Committee at 508-746-8008.

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PHOTO ATTACHMENTS:

- Jr. Scholarship Winner check presentation with scholarship committee members, Susan Sylvester and Jean Landis Naumann, conductor Karidoyanes and Anthony Ricci photo credit: Denise Maccaferri
- Sr. Scholarship winner, Joshua Nielson with his guitar photo provided by scholarship winner

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. Soon beginning its 110th season, *the Phil's* mission is to inspire, engage, and entertain through the power of live music.

For more information about the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, call 508-746-8008 or visit *the Phil's* website: www.plymouthphil.org