



2025-26 SEASON

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Steven Karidoyanes
Music Director/Conductor

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The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra Renews Music Director Steven Karidoyanes' Contract Through 2031

PLYMOUTH, MA — The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra proudly announces that Music Director and Conductor Steven Karidoyanes has signed a new five-year contract, continuing his leadership of *the Phil* through June 2031. The new contract begins July 1, 2026, as approved by the Board of Directors.

"This new contract emphatically acknowledges the importance of Steven's leadership and commitment to *the Phil*," said Phil Hildebrandt, Chair of the Board of Directors. "As the Chief Artistic Officer, Steven preserves the artistic excellence and identity of the orchestra while building meaningful connections throughout the community. We are pleased to continue this partnership."

Vice Chair Kevin Kiley added, "Steven Karidoyanes' three+ decades on *the Phil's* podium have secured his legacy as one of the region's most dedicated, respected and transformative conductors, making this new contract both a celebration of his remarkable body of work and a commitment to a successful future for *the Phil*."

The upcoming season marks Karidoyanes' 33rd season as Music Director and Conductor of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra. During that time, *the Phil* has continued to grow its programming, educational initiatives, and community collaborations throughout the South Shore region.

"It is a privilege to continue making music with this orchestra and community," said Karidoyanes. "*The Phil* has been an important part of my life for many years, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue building on the work we've done together."

Executive Director Kara McEachern shared, "I look forward to continuing to work alongside Steven as we continue strengthening and growing the organization. His commitment to the orchestra, musicians, and community is deeply valued."

In addition to his work with *the Phil*, Karidoyanes is in his 22nd season conducting the New England Conservatory Youth Symphony and has served as an understudy conductor for the Boston Pops Orchestra since 2008, making his conducting debut with the orchestra at Symphony Hall in 2016.

His guest conducting engagements have included performances with orchestras in the United States and abroad, and his original compositions have been performed by ensembles including the Boston Pops and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

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 launching its 111th season, *the Phil's* mission is to inspire, engage, and entertain through the power of live music.

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