

DEAR FRIENDS IN MUSIC,

Twenty-five years with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra! What a milestone. I can hardly believe it. I recall the start of our journey together so vividly.

The year was 1994 and I was the new kid on the podium. I had been given this wonderful opportunity to conduct a Plymouth treasure. It felt like life had presented me with a fresh canvas upon which to paint my musical hopes and dreams. Through the hard work and input of so many individuals along the way, beautiful new programs took shape. Our first season together is when we inaugurated our annual Family Concerts. Soon after that, new opportunities partnering with the Plymouth Public Schools and other friends developed, creating countless special moments with the people of our community and across the South Shore.

In these 25 years, before my very eyes, the children marching behind Santa at our Holiday Pops concerts became adults with their own children! Like peering into a kaleidoscope—the music, the experiences, the new smiles, the familiar faces have added bits of color and texture and meaning to my life. It is such a privilege to work with the excellent musicians of our professional orchestra over these years, sharing the joy of music with so many audiences. I am profoundly grateful.

As I begin my silver anniversary season with *the Phil*, I want to thank you for sharing the passage of time with me. But we're not done yet! The canvas has plenty of space for more rich and colorful music and friendships new and old! I hope you will add some color to your world and join us as we begin *the Phil's* 103rd season—together!



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