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## Celebrating Our 69th Season!

### FROM THE CHAIR

I am extremely pleased to welcome you to the Brockton Symphony's 2016-2017 season, Vive **la Symphonie!** As we launch our 69<sup>th</sup> season, Music Director James M. Orent along with our talented musicians presents three powerful and passionate symphonic concerts, an encoredemanding Holiday Pops concert, and an intimate performance by the BrSO Chamber Players.

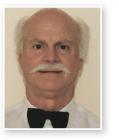
Two years ago we began our under-18 free policy. With the goal of attracting a younger audience, we hope to give our young people the chance to fall in love with the Brockton Symphony. So please, bring your children and grandchildren as they represent the future of classical music.

I want to express my thanks to you, our loyal and dedicated audience, for supporting this great orchestra. I would also like to thank all of our sponsors and especially, HarborOne, for their generous support. We would not be here without you. As other orchestras struggle, the Brockton Symphony grows stronger in our mission to bring live symphonic music to the Greater Brockton area. We appreciate donations of any size with 100% going directly to operating the Symphony.

Whether this is your first or fortieth season with us, I look forward to experiencing this season's musical offerings with you, with symphonic classics, holiday favorites and beautiful chamber works that will delight and engage both the young and the old.

Enjoy the music,

TORBEN HANSEN **CHAIRMAN** 



### From the Music Director

Vive la Symphonie!

Who could have imagined that we would travel so far and climb so high together over the past ten years? Collaborating with our extraordinary colleagues of the orchestra, board and community, we have realized the vision of BrSO's founding fathers, striving ever higher artistically and farther with our community outreach to serve our constantly expanding Greater Brockton family.

Today, the Brockton Symphony is a shining example of the electrifying results that can be achieved by talented local artists joining forces with volunteer community activists to provide our region with world class performances of symphonic music. I'm honored and proud to have served with our orchestra's leadership throughout this landmark decade of artistic growth, and look forward with pleasure and excitement toward BrSO's future, bright with promise.

Join our festive celebration of my tenth anniversary season at the helm of the Brockton Symphony Orchestra as we harken back to Gabrieli's herald brass of the Renaissance and forge ahead to Erik Lindgren's present day Extreme Spirituals, featuring nationally renowned bass-baritone, Dr. Oral Moses. In between, we promise to deliver the first class performances of symphonic masterworks you've come to expect: Brahms' monumental First Symphony, Tschaikowsky's dazzling Violin Concerto, Dvorak's beloved New World Symphony and Herold's brilliant Zampa Overture, to name a few.

Wishing you great joy through music!

/ James M. Orent

**IAMES M. ORENT** MUSIC DIRECTOR



# (Twe la Symphonie! CELEBRATING MAESTRO ORENT'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WITH THE SYMPHONY!

Majestic Masterworks Sunday, October 23, 2016 Christ Congregational Church Brockton

Enjoy the ageless classics that ignited our love of symphonic music: the Renaissance brass sounds of Gabrieli's Canzon Septimi Toni No. 2 and the dazzling Tschaikowsky Violin Concerto, performed by

Dane Jacobson, co-winner of our 2015 Youth Competition. We conclude with the brilliant Brahms Symphony No. 1, over 20 years in the making!

Holiday Pops! Sunday, December 11, 2016 West Middle School

Brockton

Lift your spirits at our joyous Holiday Pops Concert as we celebrate Assistant Conductor Dr. Emilian Badea's 10th Anniversary with the Holiday Pops. Listen and sing along as we reprise your favorites and introduce new gems from around the world. A truly memorable celebration!

## Chamber Music Concert

Sunday, January 29, 2017 Christ Congregational Church, Brockton

The BrSO Chamber Players play a potpourri of music for small ensembles.

Invitation to the Dance **Sunday, March 12, 2017** Christ Congregational Church Brockton

Tap your toes to dance music for all ages, with the memorable dancers of the Matta Dance Academy, and featuring the American Premiere of William Perry's Two Dance Pieces for Trumpet and Orchestra, performed by beloved BrSO Principal Trumpet, Wayne King.



Christ Congregational Church Brockton

The rousing Zampa overture sets the tone as we present local composer Erik Lindgren's Extreme Spirituals. Bass-baritone Oral Moses sings Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless



Child, Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho, and more. Then sit back for Dvořák's sublime Symphony #9, inspired by African-American spirituals and Native American melodies.





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