A NEW CENTURY

After celebrating a remarkable century of music-making, the Brockton Symphony begins its next chapter with a season that reminds us why live music has brought our community together for generations. Our 2026–2027 season journeys from the vast reaches of the cosmos to the intimacy of twilight, from beloved holiday traditions to the passion and drama of the opera stage. Along the way, we'll welcome extraordinary guest artists, celebrate rising young musicians and talent from our own community, and share music both familiar and new. Whether you've been part of the BrSO family for decades or are experiencing the thrill of a live orchestra for the first time, we invite you to join us for a season of discovery, connection, and unforgettable music—right here in your community.





FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dear Brockton Symphony Family,

When I program a season, I try to do two things: to bring our audience the sorts of classics that remind us all of why we love classical music, and to feature the new voices—composers, artists, and sounds—that make our art a *living* art.

On the heels of a revelatory 100th anniversary season, I can't wait to welcome you to the Brockton Symphony's 101st. With a season ticket, we will take you from the astronomical heights of Gustav Holst's *The Planets* and timeless human drama of Giacomo Puccini's *La Boheme* to 21st century masterpieces by Anna Thorvaldsdottir and Clarice Assad. We're bringing Cliburn Piano Competition finalist Clayton Stephenson to Brockton this year, along with the dynamic singers of Opera del West, while celebrating the music of our city with Brockton saxophonist Damion Sampath and the dancers of the Matta Dance Academy.

Come spend five beautiful Sunday afternoons with us. We'll see you in October!

John Masko
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The Brockton Symphony Orchestra is dedicated to fostering musical excellence and community engagement. Our mission is to collaborate with Brockton and its neighboring communities through captivating live performances of the highest musical caliber. We are committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility for all, to music education, and to providing opportunities for musicians of all ages, backgrounds, and identities to showcase their artistry on our stage.

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THE PLANETS
Sunday, October 18, 2026 | 3PM

Journey with the Brockton Symphony into the mysteries of the universe. Anna Thorvaldsdottir's *Metacosmos* conjures a vast, otherworldly soundscape suspended between chaos and beauty, darkness and light. Then, Holst's monumental *The Planets* turns skyward, from the relentless "Mars, the Bringer of War" to serene "Venus, the Bringer of Peace." Together, these extraordinary works reflect our turbulent, beautiful humanity in the cosmos.


Anna Thorvaldsdottir

HOLIDAY POPS: A TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR FIEDLER
Sunday, December 20, 2026 | 3PM

Featuring Matta Dance Academy

Celebrate the season as the Symphony brings the warmth, sparkle, and spirit of a musical holiday spectacular home to Brockton! Inspired by beloved recordings popularized by Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops, this festive program brings together centuries of holiday favorites. Gather family and friends to experience these cherished traditions as they were meant to be heard—with the sweep, color, and joy of a live orchestra and dancers, right here in your own backyard.

TRANSATLANTIC ROMANTICS
Sunday, January 24, 2027 | 3PM

Sponsored by Diane and Kirk Hartung

Celebrate the next generation of soloists in a program spanning genres, traditions, and continents. Brazilian-American Clarice Assad's vibrant *Impressions* opens the afternoon, followed by Brockton's own Damion Sampath, Jr. in Ibert's dazzling *Concertino da camera* for alto saxophone. 2025 Youth Competition winner Angel Cheng brings lyrical warmth to Schumann's Cello Concerto and Sibelius's haunting *Valse triste* closes our musical journey across borders – and generations.


Damion Sampath, Jr.


Angel Cheng

AT TWILIGHT
Sunday, March 14, 2027 | 3PM

At Twilight invites an afternoon of reflection, romance, and discovery. Brahms transforms a simple theme through ingenious variations, building to a magnificent finale. Acclaimed pianist Clayton Stephenson joins the Symphony for Chopin's youthful, lyrical Piano Concerto No. 1. Finally, Czech Romantic Zdeněk Fibich's evocative *At Twilight* brings the program to a contemplative close, capturing the quiet beauty of day's end.


Clayton Stephenson

LA BOHÈME IN CONCERT
Sunday, May 16, 2027 | 3PM

The Brockton Symphony and Opera del West bring Puccini's beloved *La Bohème* to life with vocal soloists, dancers, and chorus. Set among young artists in bohemian Paris, the opera moves from youthful exuberance to tender romance and devastating loss. As we close our season, experience this timeless story of the dreams we chase, the people we love, and the communities that carry us through.


Eve Budnick

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