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Four Conductors Selected!

Final stage of Music Director Search begins with fall 2007 concerts

The Nashua Symphony Association's Conductor Search Committee has selected four conductors to work with the orchestra during its 2007-08 season. The nine-member committee, which began work in May of 2006 (after the announcement of current Music Director Royston Nash's retirement), reviewed an international field of over 130 applicants for the position.

The conductors are **Jed Gaylin**, Music Director of New Jersey's Bay-Atlantic Symphony and Johns Hopkins Symphony Orchestras and Principal Conductor of the Cape May Music Festival; **Karla Lemon**, frequent guest conductor with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Santa Barbara Symphony, the Mancini Institute and others (including an appearance with the Nashua Symphony in March 2007); **Jonathan McPhee**, Music Director for Symphony by the Sea, Lexington Symphony, Boston Ballet Orchestra and the Longwood Symphony Orchestra; and **Jonathan Schiffman**, a conductor familiar to audiences in New York and Europe, and the First Prize-winner of the 2004 Antonio Pedrotti International Conducting Competition.

Richard Foemmel, Chair of the search committee and Vice President of the Board of Trustees, is encouraged by the results so far: "The Board of the Nashua Symphony Association was pleased that so many outstanding conductors applied for the position of music director. The search committee is confident the four candidates selected will each provide an exciting musical experience for our audiences in the upcoming season."

Each candidate will have the opportunity to work with the orchestra and meet members of the community during the 2007-08 concert season. Those programs will be announced in May 2007.

The Nashua Symphony, founded in 1923, is the state's oldest professional orchestra and the only one in New Hampshire with an affiliated chorus. Since 1985, British Conductor Royston Nash has served as the organization's Music Director. A former Conductor of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company in London, England, he also serves as the Music Director and Conductor of the Cape Symphony in Orleans, Massachusetts. This is Maestro Nash's twenty-first and final season as Music Director.

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