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We're going to get you in a "New York State of Mind!" Michael Cavanaugh was handpicked by the "Piano Man" to play him in the Broadway musical, *Movin' Out*. And I'm sure you'll agree, Billy Joel picked the right guy.

Speaking of "Movin' Out," due to renovations scheduled at the Hershey Community Building, which houses the Hershey Theatre, we will perform some concerts in Founders Hall off and on for the next two seasons. We're also honored to serve as "Artists in Residence" at Milton Hershey School, to enrich educational and cultural experiences for students.

No "Pressure," but we hope you return to see us at Founders Hall on March 23, 2024 for our concert *Glorious*, and again on April 26, 2024 for *Treasured and Timeless* at the Hershey Theatre. We're pleased to provide top-notch orchestral music to our community for "The Longest Time" and look forward to celebrating our 55th anniversary at our fundraising gala at the Hershey Country Club on April 28, 2024.

Enjoy the music of "My Life" and yours tonight. "You May be Right" for singing along and dancing in the aisles. Thank you for supporting the Hershey Symphony Orchestra. We love you "Just the Way You Are!"

Finally, I would like to dedicate this concert to my beloved mother, Maureen, who passed away a few weeks ago. She was my best friend and biggest supporter and will be missed beyond words.

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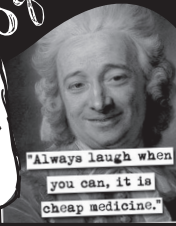
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It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to “The Music of Billy Joel,” where the extraordinary talents of Michael Cavanaugh and the Hershey Symphony Orchestra take center stage. Billy Joel’s music resonates deeply with many, including me, and we are thrilled to witness the magic unfold as these iconic tunes are brought to life.

Tonight’s performance promises to be an unforgettable celebration of music, made even more special by the unparalleled setting of the newly-renovated Founders Hall. The rich history and renewed splendor of this space adds an extra layer of grandeur to what promises to be an exceptional performance. Our deepest gratitude extends to Milton Hershey School for their support, which has been instrumental in bringing this performance to our community.

As evidenced by tonight’s exceptional attendance, this concert is a testament to our shared love for great music. Your presence adds to the vibrancy of this celebration, and we are honored to have you here.

A special thank you to our dedicated donors, whose generous contributions make events like these possible. Your commitment to the Symphony is the cornerstone of our success, and we express our deepest gratitude for your invaluable support.

Thank you for being a part of this exceptional evening, and we hope you enjoy every moment.

Warm regards,

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Gregory Woodbridge begins his tenure as Music Director of the Hershey Symphony Orchestra this season, which will include three Masterworks and three Pops Concerts. He also holds the position of Associate Conductor of the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra and Music Director/Conductor of the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra (HSYO). He continues to inspire impassioned performances from orchestras at all levels, student through professional, and has been praised for his exceptional musicianship and artistry on the podium.

Maestro Woodbridge began studying piano at the age of seven and violin at the age of nine. He holds degrees from Penn State University, and furthered his conducting studies with Michael Jinbo (the Pierre Monteux Conducting Institute in Maine); Leonid Korchmar (Kirov Opera and St. Petersburg Conservatory); Ennio Nicotra (founder of the Ilya Musin Society); and Gustav Meier and JoAnn Falletta at the Conductor's Institute Richmond Symphony Masterclass.

Maestro Woodbridge was previously Music Director and Conductor of the Central PA Youth Orchestra, the Wednesday Club Youth Orchestra, the Central Pennsylvania Symphony and the York Youth Symphony Orchestra. In addition to having served as guest conductor for the Hershey Symphony for five years, other previous conducting engagements include, York Symphony (PA), the PMEA Region IV-V State Orchestra Festival, the Lebanon Valley College-Community Orchestra, the Messiah College Orchestra, and return engagements with the Hershey Symphony at Mt. Gretna's Summer Theatre Series. He has also led the Harrisburg Symphony on their Masterworks and Pops Series. Maestro Woodbridge lives in Mechanicsburg, PA with his wife Heather and their two children, Delaney and Liam.

He is honored to serve as the new music director and conductor for the Hershey Symphony and continue this extraordinary 55-year tradition.



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Michael began playing at age seven, when his parents bought their first piano. Encouraged by family and friends, and inspired by his hero Billy Joel, Michael formed his first band at age 10 and began playing local functions, fine-tuning the craft that would become his chosen career.

With the close of *Movin' Out* at the end of 2005, Michael began touring in his own right, creating a show that reinterprets the modern pop/rock songbook. Michael soon became one of the hottest artists in the private events market, and he continues to perform worldwide for company and charity events as well as sporting events including many PGA tour events, the SuperBowl, and the Indy 500. His interpretation of the modern rock/pop songbook led to *Billboard* calling him "The New Voice of the American Rock and Roll Songbook," and he was recognized by Reuters as *Entertainer of the Year* for the private events market.

It wasn't long before symphony orchestras discovered Michael's talents and audience appeal. He accepted his first orchestral booking, "Michael Cavanaugh – The Songs of Billy Joel and More," which debuted in April 2008 with the Indianapolis Symphony and continues to tour today. In October 2008, he signed with Warner/ADA to distribute his first CD, *In Color*. In June 2010, Michael debuted his second symphony show in the *Generations of Rock* series titled "Michael Cavanaugh: The Songs of Elton John and More" and then debuted his third symphony show, "Singers and Songwriters: the Music of Paul Simon, Neil Diamond and James Taylor," in 2012. In 2015, he debuted his fourth symphony show: "Rockin' Christmas with the Pops." He continues to tour all four symphony productions along with performing with his band in performing arts centers and other public venues.



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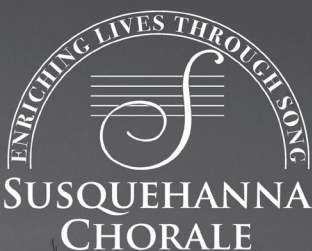
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