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Dear Friends of the Plainfield Symphony,

Thank you for the support that allowed Plainfield Symphony to reach its 102nd season.

In March 2020, the pandemic prohibited us from completing the 100th Season performances and events. But we adapted and produced a 101st Season, holding two multi-part lectures by Maestro Charles Prince accompanied by musicians performing remotely. These were posted online on the Plainfield Symphony YouTube Channel where they can be enjoyed by music educators, music lovers and our Plainfield Symphony family. As restrictions lifted, we livestreamed our Family Concert with 16 strings performing light classics, and a lively and uplifting Pops concert conducted by Maestro Prince, both without live audiences. In place of indoor fundraising events, we held a Garden Tour featuring 17 musicians in eight Plainfield gardens on a beautiful June day.

But nothing compares to the experience of live orchestral music in a cathedral-like setting. On October 2nd, we joyfully presented the first concert of our 102nd season, with Maestro Prince conducting the orchestra before a live vaccinated audience (as well as livestreamed). Concertmaster Evelyn Estava played a memorable Brahms violin solo.

Coming up we have our Pops Concert November 13th, our Family Concert January 22nd, and additional concerts March 19th and April 30th. We are committed to performing symphonic music that reflects the diverse tapestry of our community. We have expanded our repertoire to feature works by American Black composers George Walker, William Grant Still, and Ulysses S. Kay, and Venezuelan composer Aldemaro Romero, along with European composers Brahms, Mendelssohn, Haydn, Schubert, and Beethoven.

We could not make this music without your support. We have always relied heavily on the generosity of our volunteer Board, and you our supporters, to raise the money needed to present our concerts. We ask that you kindly make a gift in an amount that is comfortable and meaningful for you. Attached is a gift return form that you can mail with a check in the enclosed envelope. You can also donate online at www.plainfieldsymphony.org.

We have valued your support and camaraderie over the years. Thank you.

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