



For Immediate Release

**The New Philharmonia Orchestra Welcomes Legendary Storyteller and Grammy Award-winning Artist
Bill Harley for a Fun and Interactive Family Concert featuring Ravel and Stravinsky**

January 28, 3 p.m. | First Baptist Church, Newton

Newton, Mass. | The [New Philharmonia Orchestra](#), under the direction of [Francisco Nova](#), will welcome legendary storyteller and two-time Grammy Award winner, [Bill Harley](#) to the First Baptist Church in Newton on January 28 at 3 p.m. for a fun and interactive family concert. The afternoon will feature Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite" and Stravinsky's "Firebird." Harley will narrate, educate and amuse the audience as the orchestra performs the pieces, to provide a 'behind the score' insight to what is happening on stage. After the concert, the children in the audience will be invited on stage to explore the Instrument Petting Zoo, sponsored by XXX. Tickets and more information are available at [NewPhil.org](#) or by calling 617.527.9717.

A two-time Grammy award-winning artist and recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the RI Council for the Humanities, Bill Harley uses song and story to paint a vibrant and hilarious picture of growing up, schooling and family life. His work spans the generation gap, reminds us of our common humanity, and challenges us to be our very best selves. A prolific author and recording artist, Bill tours nationwide as an author, performing artist and keynote speaker.

Bill began singing and storytelling in 1975 while still in college. His work has influenced a generation of children, parents, performing artists and educators. Bill songs are joyous, direct and honest, his stories are filled with the details of daily life – all told and sung from his slightly off-center point of view.

A two-time Grammy winner, Bill's recordings have also garnered numerous national awards including Parent's Choice, National Association of Parenting Publications, American Library Association and the highest honor from the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio for his concert DVD, "Yes to Running!" filmed in conjunction with Montana PBS.

Tickets are \$18 adults and \$10 for children up to 17 years old. Tickets are available at [www.NewPhil.org](#).

Upcoming Concerts

February 10-11, 2018

First Baptist Church in Newton, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

THE FRENCH-RUSSIAN CONNECTION

Claude Debussy - "Prélude à l'Après-Midi d'un Faune"

Maurice Ravel - "Mother Goose Suite"

Igor Stravinsky - "Firebird"



May 19-20, 2018

First Baptist Church in Newton, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

ALL BEETHOVEN

Beethoven – “Consecration of the House”

Beethoven – Concerto for Violin and Orchestra

Irina Muresanu, violin

Beethoven – Symphony No. 7

Jorge Soto, Guest Conductor

Family Concerts

April 29, 2018

First Baptist Church in Newton at 3 p.m.

BEETHOVEN ROCKS!

Join the New Phil for an exciting afternoon featuring some of Beethoven’s greatest hits.

Special Events

March 18, 2018

Symphony Hall at 7:30 p.m.

A SPECIAL EVENING WITH THE INDIGO GIRLS

Tickets go on sale October 15 at Symphony Hall

About Francisco Noya, Music Director

Francisco Noya was appointed music director of New Philharmonia in the spring of 2016, following the 20-year tenure of founding Music Director Ron Knudsen. Noya began his professional career in his native Venezuela as conductor of the Youth Orchestra of Valencia, one of the original ensembles of El Sistema. After earning advanced degrees in composition and conducting from Boston University, Noya was appointed to serve as assistant conductor of the Caracas Philharmonic and assistant to the music director of the Teatro Teresa Carreño, one of the most prestigious theaters in Latin America. Noya continued his conducting career in the United States by serving as



music director of the Empire State Youth Orchestra in Albany, New York, for 10 seasons. Today, Noya is a prominent figure in the Boston and New England music scene and has earned a reputation as a versatile interpreter of symphonic and operatic literature. He served as music director of the Longwood Symphony Orchestra in Boston and Symphony by the Sea in Manchester. Noya currently serves as resident conductor of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, where he represents the Philharmonic artistically and educationally throughout the Rhode Island community. He is also a respected member of the Conducting Faculty of the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Noya has appeared as guest conductor of the Boston Pops; the Baltimore, Nashville, San Antonio and Omaha Symphony Orchestras and Cape Cod Symphony, among others. In addition, he has performed internationally with orchestras in Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Spain, Italy and Russia.

About the New Philharmonia Orchestra

The New Philharmonia Orchestra, founded in 1995, is a 75-member nonprofessional regional orchestra based in Newton, Massachusetts. The orchestra's mission to perform "music for all" has been advanced by presenting programs of diverse repertoire of classical music for the enjoyment of audiences of all ages and experiences. The orchestra also strives to provide its nonprofessional players the opportunity to achieve a high level of ensemble performance not otherwise available.

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