

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra Establishes Furtado Family Scholarship

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce the creation of the Furtado Family Scholarship.

For nearly sixty years, members of the Furtado family have made music with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra. During that time, their talent and passion for music have made a major contribution to the growth and impact of the NBSO in the community. Moreover, as teachers they have shared that talent and passion with countless students throughout the South Coast, enriching the lives of those students and our community as a whole.

In recent years, four members of the family—Judith Stoltenberg, Teresa Ouellette, Susan Bouley, and Marilyn Melanson—played in the orchestra. Upon the completion of the 2017-18 season, they informed the NBSO that it was time to bring this amazing musical run to a close and retire from the orchestra.

But a musical legacy like that of the Furtado family can never really “retire.” To recognize this and to thank the Furtado family for all it has done for the NBSO and the music community of the South Coast, the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra is very pleased to announce that it has established the Furtado Family Scholarship. This scholarship, which will provide financial aid to students in the NBSO’s youth orchestra programs, will be just one of the many ways that the Furtado family’s legacy of making music and bringing the joy of music to others will always be a part of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and the South Coast community.

Donations to the scholarship fund can be made by check payable

to the "NBSO" with memo indicating "Furtado Family Scholarship." Donations can also be made at www.nbsymphony.org. For more information, please contact the NBSO office at (508) 999-6276.

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO's innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach 25,000 students each year. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music in the South Coast. Visit www.nbsymphony.org today!