

## **Notes from Music Director Philip F. Travaline**

This season promises to be one of the most scintillating yet, with three superb conductors each presenting a subscription concert program. You, our audience, will have an opportunity to participate in the selection with a survey after each concert. One of them will be the “conductor last standing,” and will become the Philharmonic of Southern New Jersey’s new music director and conductor beginning in fall 2012. So, don’t miss a concert this season--we need your acumen and input.

The volunteer search committee charged with the daunting task of securing three conductors, had no idea that more than 70 people would apply--from as far east as Europe and as far west as California. As you will see, the three selected candidates bring outstanding qualifications and experience to the Philharmonic, and I wish each of them the best.

Weekly rehearsals have begun as I write this, and the excitement is palpable. The orchestra’s morale is high, and many highly skilled instrumentalists have been added to our esteemed group over the past year. The collective skill of our new and veteran players translates into professional-level and very stimulating performances at each of our concerts.

This is truly a season not to miss, and I invite you to tell your family, friends and colleagues to come bathe in the sumptuous sounds of the Philharmonic as it performs works by the world’s most creative composers.

Enjoy!

***Philip F. Travaline***