

Resolution N°. 5

July 31, 2024

Subject: *Supporting the Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra Musicians*

Hudson Valley Resolution

Whereas, The Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra (“the orchestra”), formerly known as the Hudson Valley Philharmonic, has a distinguished history of serving the communities of Dutchess, Ulster, and surrounding New York counties since its inception in 1932; and

Whereas, The orchestra has played a crucial role in the cultural and educational life of the Hudson Valley region, offering classical concerts, educational programs for school children, and performances featuring renowned artists, thereby enriching the community through its diverse programming; and

Whereas, Despite the orchestra’s long-standing tradition of excellence and service, recent financial difficulties and managerial challenges have led to significant operational changes and uncertainties regarding its future; and

Whereas, Management of the Bardavon, who owns the Hudson Valley Philharmonic’s assets, has refused to transfer those assets to the Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra, obstructing the orchestra’s growth and mission; and

Whereas, The musicians of the orchestra have demonstrated their commitment to continuing their mission by reorganizing under a new name and revitalizing their performances and educational outreach programs, as evidenced by the inaugural concert of the Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra on May 18, 2024; and

Whereas, The Regional Orchestra Players’ Association (“ROPA”) recognizes the importance of supporting orchestras through periods of transition and financial difficulty, and acknowledges the dedication and resilience of the Hudson Valley

Symphony Orchestra musicians in their efforts to sustain and enhance their community impact; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Regional Orchestra Players' Association ("ROPA") expresses its full support for the musicians of the Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra ("the orchestra") in their efforts to continue their mission and revitalize their programming under the new organizational structure; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA encourages the Bardavon Board of Directors and Management to honor their commitment made in March 2022 by facilitating a fair and equitable transfer of assets associated with the Hudson Valley Philharmonic to the orchestra, ensuring the continuation of its legacy and mission; and be it further

Resolved, That ROPA calls upon supporters, patrons, and community members to continue their advocacy and support for the orchestra, ensuring that the rich tradition of music and community service in the Hudson Valley can thrive in the future.

Submitted by: The ROPA Executive Board