



## *The Music Never Stopped at the NBSO!*

The NBSO presented 154 concerts and programs from the start of the pandemic through this past summer, including a virtual concert at the national conference of the League of American Orchestras! Other performances varied from musicians live streaming from their homes, masked cellists playing in local parks, outdoor concerts at senior housing facilities, and a string quartet performing a drive-in concert at the New Bedford ferry terminal parking lot.

We recorded online orchestra concerts on the stage of the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, chamber music concerts at the Harbor View Gallery of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, and a Wind Ensemble concert at Kilburn Mill. Our Holiday Pops concert featured recorded segments at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House, the Seamen's Bethel, The Drawing Room, and The Z. All told, we presented

- 40 online educational programs
- 52 outdoor pop-up concerts
- 19 live stream performances
- 18 music performance videos
- 14 online music talks
- 7 online symphony concerts
- 3 online chamber music concerts
- 1 drive-in concert

NBSO Education Director Terry Wolkowicz also began creating online music programs at no charge for schools and families. The NBSO then converted its Learning In Concert school program to an online format. The program, Bird Flight Patterns and Music, was viewed by thousands of children in over 90 schools in Massachusetts and 31 other states. The program's avian theme caught the attention of over 17 Audubon Chapters in 14 states, including Alaska, Texas, Oregon, California, Florida, New York, Nevada, and Delaware. They provided the program to their chapter members and to local schools in their areas. As a result, the NBSO's program was featured in the Spring 2021 issue of the National Audubon Magazine.