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## **The Jacksonville Symphony Welcomes a New Director of the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras**

Jacksonville, Fla. (July 10, 2024) – The Jacksonville Symphony welcomes Nathaniel Efthimiou as the new Director of the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras (JSYO) and Assistant Conductor of the Jacksonville Symphony.

Efthimiou recently served as the Assistant Conductor of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and Assistant Professor of Music at Berklee College of Music. He comes with an extensive background and years of experience in music education, cultivating programs for youth across the Northeastern United States.

“We were incredibly impressed with Nathaniel Efthimiou's audition, his inspiring leadership and deep understanding of music resonated with everyone, making him a standout candidate for this vital role. His professionalism and ability to connect with both the symphony musicians and the youth orchestra members were evident” said Dr. Marianne Rice, Vice President of Music Education & DEI Initiatives at the Jacksonville Symphony.

Efthimiou has started this position remotely and will move to the city of Jacksonville at the end of the summer ahead of the Symphony's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season.

### **About the Jacksonville Symphony**

The Jacksonville Symphony is North Florida's leading nonprofit performing arts organization offering live performances at Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts and other venues throughout the area. Led by President and CEO Steven Libman and Music Director Courtney Lewis, the Jacksonville Symphony reaches over 113,000 individuals through over 125 performances each season. In addition, the Symphony provides music instruction for youth and operates the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras. For more information about the Symphony, visit [JaxSymphony.org](http://JaxSymphony.org).

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