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Cameron Carrella Wins North Shore Symphony Orchestra's Inaugural Long Island Music Educator's Performance Prize

Greenvale, NY — October 6, 2025 — The North Shore Symphony Orchestra (NSSO) is proud to announce <u>Cameron Carrella, trumpet</u>, as the winner of its first <u>Long Island Music Educator's Performance Prize</u>. This newly created award celebrates the artistry and dedication of Long Island's outstanding music educators, recognizing their impact in both the classroom and the concert hall.

Carrella is a performer and educator whose work bridges both classical and jazz traditions. A native of Bayville, New York, he earned a BFA in Jazz Studies at Purchase College, and is currently pursuing a master's in music education at Queens College's Aaron Copland School of Music. Alongside an active performing life with his own jazz groups and wedding bands, he teaches music at Kramer Lane Elementary School in the Bethpage School District, where he brings the same energy and passion to his students that he brings to the stage.

As the inaugural prizewinner, Carrella will perform Jean Baptiste Arban's *Fantaisie & Variations* on *The Carnival of Venice* with the North Shore Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 7:30 PM at Adelphi University Performing Arts Center in Garden City, New York.

Brent Chiarello, Director of Music for Bethpage Union Free School District, said "Cameron brings incredible energy and heart to his work as a music educator, inspiring our youngest musicians with his passion and talent. His students thrive under his guidance, and his artistry as a trumpet player—whether in jazz or classical—sets a powerful example. The Bethpage community is fortunate to have him working with our students!"

The prize package, in addition to the featured solo performance, includes 10 hours of classroom support from NSSO musicians, a \$500 cash award, and classroom speakers donated by Sweetwater.

Tickets for the Saturday, October 25 concert are available at www.northshoresymphonyorch.org or may be purchased at the door 30 minutes prior to the concert. General Admission \$20; seniors \$15; students \$5; and free for children 12. Students of Long Island school districts are invited to purchase discount advance tickets online for \$5. See website for details. Further information about North Shore Symphony Orchestra and the evening's concert may be found on the orchestra's website at www.northshoresymphonyorch.org