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Plymouth conductor earns national honors



The American Prize has declared Nan Harrison Washburn, music director of the Michigan Philharmonic, winner of its 2013 prize in conducting (Michigan Philharmonic)

Nan Harrison Washburn, music director \square and conductor of the Michigan Philharmonic in Plymouth, has been named winner of the American Prize in Conducting — Professional Orchestra Division, the Michigan Philharmonic announced Thursday.

The American Prize recognizes the best performing artists, ensembles and composers in the nation. In awarding her, a panel of judges said Harrison Washburn's performances are "sensitive, thoughtful, serious, gracious — words that mark her self-evident musicality."

This is Harrison Washburn's 15th season with the Michigan Philharmonic. Her next area performance with the Michigan Philharmonic is Oct. 6 at Canton's Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, when the group performs "The Golden Flute." Tickets, \$30, are available via <u>www.michiganphil.com</u>.

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