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## Erie Philharmonic to Present 2015 Youth Concerts to Erie's Public Elementary Schools at No Cost

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Erie, PA; The Erie Philharmonic, in conjunction with the Board of Governors, the Partnership for Erie's Public Schools, Erie News Now (WICU-WSEE-CW), Weber Murphy Fox, the Knox Law Firm and UBS, are proud to announce that the 2015 Youth Concerts will be presented at no cost to the 12 elementary schools in the city of Erie and the Robert Benjamin Wiley Community Charter School.

All funds raised were graciously matched by the Partnership for Erie's Public Schools.

The 2015 Youth Concerts, entitled "Musicalympics", will take place at the historic Warner Theatre on Wednesday, November 4th at 10:00am and 11:30am. The costs associated with this concert, including busing fees and ticket expenses, will be covered by sponsors and individual donors. Students from Grover Cleveland, Perry, Edison, JoAnna Connell, Diehl, Harding, Pfeiffer-Burleigh, Emerson Gridley, Lincoln, McKinley, Wayne, Jefferson and the Benjamin Wiley Charter School are all invited to participate.

Showcasing the many connections between sports and music, this 45-minute concert offers an interactive musical learning experience for students of all ages. Each school receives a packet prior to the concert that includes lesson plans, a listening guide, audio CDs and more.

"I am thrilled to offer Erie's Public Schools this program at no cost," Executive Director Steve Weiser said. "Growing up, my school field trips to our local concert hall to see the symphony play serve as some of my fondest childhood memories. I am honored that we are able to help create similar memories for thousands of children here in Erie."

The Erie Philharmonic hopes to increase funding in future years in order to present the Youth Concert at no charge for any school, teacher, or student.

The Erie Philharmonic opens its season on Saturday, September 26th with "Spielberg Scores." The concert starts at 8:00pm at the Warner Theatre, located at 811 State Street. Tickets may be purchased by calling 814/455-1375 or online at [EriePhil.org](http://EriePhil.org).

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