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Erie Philharmonic Announces 2016-2017 Season

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The Erie Philharmonic proudly announces their 2016-17 season, bringing fantastic artists to Erie and the Warner Theatre stage to join Maestro Daniel Meyer and their talented musicians. Each year, the Philharmonic presents 10 concerts at the Warner Theatre as well as multiple events, outreach activities, and free programs.

Here are the highlights of the season:

- The season opens on September 24, 2016, with a Pops favorite: *Jeans n' Classics* returns to the Warner stage to bring the music of **The Police** and **Sting**.
- Erie's own concertmaster, **Ken Johnston**, will perform Glazunov's Violin Concerto on the opening night of the Symphonic Series on October 15, 2016. This concert will also include a suite from Tchaikovsky's popular and recognizable classic, *Swan Lake*.
- The Philharmonic goes to the movies on February 4, 2017 as **Casablanca** is projected over the Warner Theatre stage while the orchestra performs the score live. This classic film would have played in the Warner in the 1940's when the Warner Theatre was an extravagant movie palace. If you have never seen *Casablanca* before, or you've seen it a hundred times, don't miss this unique way to experience this iconic film in live, symphonic grandeur.
"In presenting Casablanca, we are able to balance the future with the past by showcasing, in high definition, a movie that perfectly captures the persona of the historic Warner Theatre. Discovering advertisements from Casablanca's Erie premiere in the early 1940's is easily one of the neatest things I have ever seen as a musician or executive." – Executive Director Steve Weiser
- Grammy award-winning pianist and internationally acclaimed performer, **Emanuel Ax**, will join the Philharmonic for the first time. He's a Sony Classical exclusive recording artist and has made numerous recordings with famed artists such as Yo-Yo Ma and Itzhak Perlman. He will present lectures, master classes, and outreach in the community in coordination with his March 11, 2017 concert.
"We are beyond thrilled that Mr. Ax is joining the Philharmonic on the Warner Theatre stage. He is a pianist of the highest order in virtuosity and musicianship and considered one of the most important interpreters of Beethoven in our generation." – Music Director, Daniel Meyer
- Returning violinist Jenny Oaks Baker brings her original arrangements of classic Disney films in an evening of **Disney Favorites**. From *A Whole New World* to *Beauty and the Beast*, Jenny brings her unique musicianship and flair back to the Warner stage to present the rich songbook Disney has collected over the years.

Subscription packages are now available. Please visit www.eriephil.org for more information.

For the full season schedule, please see attached document.

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