



**ERIE PHILHARMONIC**  
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## Erie Philharmonic launching week of activities in community

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Beginning on Monday, June 20, the Erie Philharmonic will launch another week of outreach events for the Erie community. With free concerts and programs, the Philharmonic hopes to reach hundreds of people in just five days. The week includes four piano donations, an instrumental petting zoo, free concerts and more.

It is no coincidence that this outreach week is happening during one of the final weeks of the Philharmonic's 2015-16 season. "The focus in my first season with the Phil was to showcase the orchestra and place the musicians into the community as much as possible," Executive Director Steve Weiser said. "The community has supported and loved this organization for over a hundred years, and it is my job to combine the talent of our musicians with the power of music to truly make an impact."

The culminating event of the week, *Music is Healing*, is hosted at the Crime Victim Center of Erie. The family-friendly event is free, open to the public and designed to show the powerful effect music has on the mind, body and soul. Activities start at 5:15pm, and the Philharmonic Brass Quintet will perform at 6:30pm.

Some of the activities include:

- Build and decorate an instrument and learn from a Philharmonic musician about the different ways to play it
- Instrument Petting Zoo where one can feel, hold and play the trumpet, trombone, French horn and tuba
- The Crime Victim Center piano, which was donated by the Philharmonic and will be utilized in teaching children how the piano works and the basics of playing it
- Coloring activities that are designed to not only tie in colors, music, and visuals but also act as a stress reliever and way to deal with emotions
- The Erie Philharmonic Brass Quintet will perform at 6:30pm.

This week of outreach programs and activities is made possible by the generous support of Erie Insurance and Erie Arts & Culture. The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority supports the Philharmonic's education and outreach programs.

Please refer to the below schedule for details on the activities each day.

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## **Monday, June 20, 2016**

Live Music at Regional Cancer Center | 2500 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street

The Erie Philharmonic Concertmaster, Ken Johnston, and Principal cello, Jonathan Tortalano, will perform solo pieces throughout the day in the treatment room to provide comforting music for patients. Not accessible for media.

## **Tuesday, June 21, 2016**

Free performance by Philharmonic Wind Quintet | 2:00-3:00pm at LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach Street

The Philharmonic and LifeWorks Erie join together to present an exciting concert featuring the Erie Philharmonic Wind Quintet. Musicians will also share their experiences as members of the Phil. The performance is free and open to the public.

## **Wednesday, June 22, 2016**

\*Summer Music Series | 12:00-1:00pm at the Erie Art Museum, 5<sup>th</sup> Street Patio

The Erie Philharmonic String Quartet will perform a variety of selections at a patio performance and live broadcast from WQLN as part of the Erie Art Museum's Mid-day Art Break. The performance is free and open to the public.

Anniversary Performance | 3:00-4:00pm at LECOM Senior Living Center, 5535 Peach Street

The LECOM Senior Living Center is celebrating one year of clinical services for seniors, ensuring high-quality service with the patient's health in mind. Residents will join the Philharmonic String Quartet in a celebratory performance in LECOM's café.

Four local Community Centers will receive donated pianos | Multiple times and locations

Four local community centers – JFK Center, Multicultural Community Resource Center, Boys & Girls Club, and Early Connections Westside – will receive donated pianos for students and staff to use. Contact each location for their rep. media inquiries, or contact Lisa Herring at the Philharmonic for photos or to schedule interviews.

## **Thursday, June 23, 2016**

Erie Philharmonic Wind Quintet performance at St. Mary's East | 2:00-3:00pm at St. Mary's East, 607 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street

The Philharmonic brings their Wind Quintet to St. Mary's East for a performance for residents whom might not be able to attend a concert at the Warner Theatre. The quintet will present an exciting concert and share their experiences as musicians.

## **Friday, June 24, 2016**

\*Music is Healing: Activities & Free Performance | 5:15-7:30pm at the Crime Victim Center, 125 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street

The Crime Victim Center and the Erie Philharmonic collaborate for a free concert and many fun, musical activities for all ages! Build your own instrument, feel and play different brass and percussion instruments, create and color a new piece of artwork, or enjoy a free performance. Activities start at 5:15pm, and the Erie Philharmonic Brass Quintet will perform at 6:30pm. This event is free and open to the public.