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## Press Release

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### Erie Philharmonic to feature one of its own, Concertmaster Ken Johnston

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The Erie Philharmonic has brought in talented musicians from across the globe for over 100 years, but this week the Philharmonic will feature one of their own, Concertmaster Ken Johnston.

A week of community-wide events starts tonight with a free recital in the Hirt Auditorium at Blasco Library. The education programs throughout the week end with another free opportunity to hear Johnston during Live at Studio Q at WQLN.

The week culminates with the Opening Night of the Phil's Lincoln Recycling Symphonic Series. The program is centered on Russian favorites – Stravinsky's *Petrushka* and a Suite from *Swan Lake* by Tchaikovsky. Johnston will walk onto the stage as he has for seven years but take on a much different role as he solos on Glazunov's *Violin Concerto*.

Ken Johnston is active both as a performer and teacher of the violin. In addition to performing as Concertmaster of the Philharmonic, he holds the same chair with the *Blue Water Chamber Orchestra* of Cleveland. He has been featured and performs with multiple groups in the tri-state region, including the *Oblivion Project*, a small ensemble which solely performs the tango music of composer Astor Piazzolla. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he received both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Violin Performance, Johnston studied with Professor David Updegraff and served as his Teaching Assistant.

“The Erie Philharmonic is proud to have Ken lead our orchestra each rehearsal and concert. We are incredibly lucky to have him in Erie. We couldn't be more excited to feature him on the Warner stage this week,” says Executive Director, Steve Weiser. “We are very appreciative of Ken's willingness to help us give back to the community through all of the free outreach events this week, including a recital.”

Please see schedule below for details. Media welcome for all events.

#### **Monday, October 10, 2016**

7:30pm

Free recital in Hirt Auditorium

*Blasco Library | 160 E. Front Street, Erie PA*

Ken Johnston, violin

Nathan Hess, piano

Suite in the Old Style for violin and piano, op. 80

Fuga from the C Major Sonata no. 3 for solo violin

Violin Sonata no. 3 in d minor, op. 108

*Alfred Schnittke*

*J.S. Bach*

*Johannes Brahms*

### **Wednesday, October 12, 2016**

- 10:00am Educational Program with Ken Johnston and WQLN  
*Belle Valley Elementary School / 5300 Henderson Road, Erie PA*  
WQLN will broadcast live from Belle Valley Elementary School with their 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes featuring a performance, interview, and Q&A with Ken Johnston and Brian Hanna, Host of WQLN Classics
- 3:30pm Masterclass with Ken Johnston at Mercyhurst University  
*Mercyhurst University / 501 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie PA / D'Angelo Music Building, Room 19*  
Ken Johnston will work with current students on violin master works.

### **Thursday, October 13, 2016**

- 2:00pm Educational Program at Springhill Senior Living Community with Music Director Daniel Meyer and Concertmaster Ken Johnston  
*Springhill Senior Living Community / 2323 Edinboro Road, Erie PA*  
Residents can enjoy a performance by Ken Johnston and a behind-the-scenes look at the Philharmonic in an interview with Meyer and Johnston.

### **Friday, October 14, 2016**

- 12:00pm Live from Studio Q with Ken Johnston  
*WQLN Studios / 8425 Peach Street, Erie PA*  
Brian Hannah, host of WQLN Classics, brings you Live from Studio Q - a free performance by Ken Johnston with an opportunity to meet Johnston in person. Join Brian and Ken at the studio or listen live at 91.3FM.

### **Saturday, October 15, 2016**

- 8:00pm Opening Night of Lincoln Recycling Symphonic Series  
*Warner Theatre / 811 State Street, Erie PA*  
The Erie Philharmonic opens their symphonic season with Russian favorites from Stravinsky and Tchaikovsky featuring one of its own, Concertmaster Ken Johnston. Enjoy a night of familiar pieces as Erie recognizes the amazing talent right here in our city.  
Tickets range from \$20-52. Student tickets are \$10.

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