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Philharmonic brings award-winning flutist Demarre McGill to Erie

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Music Director, Daniel Meyer and the musicians of the Erie Philharmonic are proud to welcome flutist Demarre McGill to Erie this weekend. McGill is currently acting principal flute for The Metropolitan Opera in NYC, one of the most prestigious positions in the country. He is also an active soloist, performer, artistic director, and chamber musician throughout the United States.

McGill will visit a few local places in the community on Friday prior to his performance on the Warner Theatre stage Saturday night. He will visit Wayne Elementary on Friday morning and meet 5th graders in their music class. Wayne Elementary is a *Focus School* – a school among the lowest 10% of Title I schools across PA. McGill was raised in Chicago and started his career at a young age playing in the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra. He serves as a role model for many African-American youth that hope to pursue music in their future.

Friday afternoon McGill will be at Studio Q at WQLN Studios at noon. He will give a performance and discuss his background and performance with Brian Hannah, host of Morning Classics through WQLN. The performance is free and open to the public, and it will also be broadcast live on 91.3.

Following this performance, McGill will visit Edinboro University to present a master class from 2-4pm in the Dr. William P. Alexander Music Center Recital Hall. The master class will feature flute students from Edinboro University's Department of Music and Theatre. The event is free and open to the public.

Saturday's evening performance features some favorite classical pieces, including one of the most recognizable pieces of all time, Rossini's Overture from *William Tell*. The concert program also includes Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 and Salieri's Sinfonia, "Veneziana."

Additionally, in honor of Veteran's Day, the Philharmonic is offering one complimentary ticket to this weekend's concert to all military veterans. Guests of veterans receive 20% off of tickets as well. To redeem this offer, veterans can show their military ID at the Philharmonic Box Office.

Friday, November 11

9:20-10:35 a.m. Outreach visit to Wayne Elementary
650 East Avenue, Erie PA

12:00-12:45 p.m. Live at Studio Q
8425 Peach Street, Erie PA

2:00-4:00 p.m. Master class with Edinboro Students
Dr. William P. Alexander Music Center Recital Hall, Edinboro University
219 Meadville Street, Edinboro PA

Saturday, November 12, 2016

8:00 p.m. Classical Rivalries – Symphonic Series performance with Erie Philharmonic
811 Warner Theatre, Erie PA

The Philharmonic will pit Salieri's charming *Sinfonia Veneziana* against Mozart's Concerto for Flute in G Major. Demarre McGill, principal flute of Metropolitan Opera in NYC, will join the Philharmonic for another concert in the Beethoven Four Over Four festival.

Rossini, the life-loving operatic composer, rivaled Beethoven, the misunderstood deaf genius for many years. The Philharmonic will perform the popular William Tell Overture by Rossini as well as Beethoven's brilliant and charming Symphony No. 8.

Tickets range from \$20-56.

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Erie Philharmonic Box Office Hours & Locations

23 W. 10th Street, Suite 3

Open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Open Saturday Nov. 12 10am-2pm

Erie Philharmonic Box Office

811 State Street, Warner Theatre

Open Saturday Nov. 12 one hour prior to performance

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