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Erie Philharmonic returns this weekend with big plans for 2017

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The Erie Philharmonic is welcoming 2017 with big plans for the next few months, starting with a grand symphonic concert on Saturday, January 21 in the Warner Theatre. With an audience of over 1,600 expected for Saturday night, the Philharmonic launches the second-half of their season with this sweeping nature-inspired concert.



Music Director Daniel Meyer will welcome Korean-American pianist Soyeon Kate Lee to perform Bartok's Piano Concerto No. 3 in the first half of the performance. Lee has been lauded by the *New York Times* as a pianist with "a huge, richly varied sound, a lively imagination and a firm sense of style," and by the *Washington Post* for her "stunning command of the keyboard." The concerto includes elements connected to the outdoors such as birdsong and earthy folkdance rhythms.

Also featured on the concert will be Smetana's "The Moldau" from *Ma Vlast*, famous for its depiction of the Moldau river traveling through the Bohemian Forest. The concert will conclude with Sibelius' Symphony No. 2, inspired by his deeply-rooted pride of Finland.

While Lee is in Erie, she will visit General McLane High School to perform and discuss her background and career with 7th grade and high school students currently taking music classes. "We couldn't be more honored that Ms. Lee agreed to visit local students to be able to inspire their creativity and give a private performance. This is one of the greatest gifts she could give to us during her time here," says Steve Weiser, Executive Director of the Erie Philharmonic. The visit will be in the auditorium of General McLane High School on Friday from 10:10-10:40am.

Lee will also visit WQLN Studios for an insightful hour of music, interviews and stories during a live broadcast at Studio Q Friday at noon with host Brian Hannah of WQLN. The studio performance is free and open to the public.

Following this weekend's concert, the Philharmonic will prepare for an anticipated sell-out concert featuring the classic film, *Casablanca*, in February, followed by a mini-residency with Emanuel Ax in March. The Philharmonic's incredibly successful year concludes with two concerts in April, *Disney Favorites* with Jenny Oaks Baker and *Organ Symphony*. ##

(Schedule and contact details on following page)

Schedule

Friday:	10:10-10:40am	Soyeon Kate Lee visit to General McLane School District 11761 Edinboro Road Edinboro, PA 16412
	12:00-1:00pm	WQLN Studios Live Broadcast 8425 Peach Street Erie, PA 16509
	7:30-10:00pm	Erie Philharmonic Rehearsal (open to media) <i>Ms. Lee will rehearse with orchestra appx. 7:30pm-9:00pm.</i> <i>Exec. Dir. Steve Weiser available for interviews as requested.</i> Warner Theatre 811 State Street Erie, PA 16501
Saturday:	8:00-9:30pm	Sibelius: Symphonic Concert with Erie Philharmonic Warner Theatre 811 State Street Erie, PA 16501

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