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Warren Philharmonic Orchestra Summer Activities Lead to 50th Season

The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra is preparing to celebrate its 50th season of performances, while recognizing student Art in Music Contest winners from last season.

The Orchestra's Golden Anniversary Committee will celebrate 50 years of harmony through music and art during *An Evening of 50 Years of Music* at the outdoor setting of Cadobaz, the home of Dr. Farid Naffah, 2747 Cadwallader-Sonk Road, in Bazetta Township. The fundraising event will occur on August 1, 2015, from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person, with all proceeds benefiting the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra. The deadline for reservations is July 24. Entertainment features renowned pianist Jack Ciarniello and talented vocalist Rodd Coonce. Catering will be provided by Café 422, which will offer a cash bar with beer and wine.

The works of the 2014 Art in Music Contest winners are now on display through August 22 at Trumbull Art Gallery, 158-162 North Park Avenue, Warren. The exhibit is in TAG's Window Gallery. The Orchestra sponsors the contest for Trumbull County students in grades 3 through 8, where visual art is created about the orchestra's instruments and its music performed at each year's student concerts. Recognized works express the entrants' feelings about the music and the concert experience. Details for the 2015 contest will be announced in August.

The 2015-2016 season subscription campaign is underway, as is the sale of advertisements in the Orchestra's two concert programs. Both efforts help ensure the Orchestra's existence. *Stories, Dances, Tricks & Treats!* is the theme for the November 1, 2015, family concert, evoking dancing comedians, exotic circus performers, the glories of Bach, *Happy*, and a rollicking *Saints Go Marching In*, with soloist Marian Vogel, soprano, and the Westminster College Concert Choir.

Swing Into Spring! is the theme for the April 17, 2016, concert, with Mighty Casey American rhythms, Ravel's *Bolero*, a musical typewriter, and Beethoven's most exuberant symphony. Thayer's *Casey at the Bat* will feature Youngstown State University president Jim Tressel as narrator. Both concerts will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic Street, NE, Warren. More information and a subscription form are on the Orchestra website.

Sitting as Orchestra concertmaster this season is Joseph Kromholtz, instructor of violin and viola at Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music. He succeeds Hristo Popov, who has relocated to Florida, where he has founded the Bellissima Music Academy and Festival with his wife, pianist Eriko Izumida. "The WPO family thanks Mr. Popov for his years of dedication to the Orchestra and the musical life of the Mahoning Valley and wish him well in his new endeavors," said Susan Davenny Wyner, Warren Philharmonic Music Director and Conductor.

The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra is composed of some of the area's finest professional musicians. In addition to two concerts for the public, the orchestra performs free school concerts for thousands of area school children. The *Strings of Joy* program provides free violin lessons to selected students from Warren City Schools.

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