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WPO Announces Children's Concerts, Art Contest

The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra is sponsoring two activities for Trumbull County third through eighth grade students that encourage them to discover the thrill of classical music and the instruments, performers and composers that enrich our lives.

The orchestra will perform two live concerts at Lakeview High School in Cortland on the morning of October 30. The concerts are free for third through eighth grade students from Trumbull-area schools. Reservation details have been sent to principals; limited seating is still available. Music to be performed will be excerpts from the orchestra's fall public concert on the theme *A Halloween Spectacular!* Students will experience works by Smetana (*Dance of the Comedians* from *The Bartered Bride*), de Falla (*The Three Cornered Hat Suite*), Borodin (*Polovtsian Dances* from *Prince Igor*), Anderson (*The Syncopated Clock*) and Williams (*Happy*).

“High jinks, moods, fantastic musical stories ... Join the fun as these great composers serve up tricks and treats – a dancing bear, circus acrobats, ferocious warriors, a Spanish fandango, a playful clock and *Happy* by Pharrell Williams,” explains Susan Davenny Wyner, Warren Philharmonic Orchestra's music director and conductor. “Our orchestra has over 50 professional musicians who play over 60 different musical instruments. At the concert you will meet all the instruments of the orchestra and hear the stories behind the music. Our star players will take turns showing you how each instrument looks and sounds. You will meet the string instruments, which go from being small enough to fit under your chin (the violin) to so monstrously large (the double bass) that four small children could fit inside its “belly” and the player has to stand up to play it. You will meet the

woodwinds, from the tiniest piccolo (the size of a fat straw) to the tall, skinny bassoon. You will meet the brass family – from the trumpets and slide trombone, to the 20-foot-long French Horns, which are all curled up so they can fit into the players’ arms. And you will hear the percussion family – cymbals, xylophone, triangle, snare drum, kettledrums, and bass drum – which can make the loudest sounds of all.”

Notes for teachers preparing their students for a concert experience have been delivered to area grade 3-8 schools and are available on the orchestra website at

<http://www.warrenphilharmonic.org/2015-concert-teacher-notes.html>. Student and teacher evaluation forms for use after the concerts are also posted on the website.

The *Art in Music* contest, where students are invited to create art about the orchestra’s music and its instruments, is the second activity for area students. Contest winners will be awarded prizes at the November 1 Family Concert to be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Warren, and their artworks will be on display. Information about the *Art in Music* contest has been delivered to art and music teachers in Trumbull-area schools and is available at <http://www.warrenphilharmonic.org/art-in-music-contest-2015.html>. There is no cost to participate in the contest. All entries must be submitted to the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra office, 174 North Park Avenue, Suite 9, Downtown Warren, by Friday, October 23, 2015, by 4:30 p.m.

Principals, teachers and parents can contact Leanna Dunaway, the orchestra’s assistant executive director, for more information about the concerts or the contest at 330-399-3606 or warren.philharmonic@gmail.com.

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