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WPO Opens Applications for Free Violin Lessons

The Warren Philharmonic Orchestra is offering free violin lessons to a select group of Trumbull County third through seventh grade students, announced Attorney Frank R. Bodor, president of the Orchestra's board of trustees. The application deadline is January 4, 2016, for the next class of students beginning January 24. An application form and related documents are available to download from the WPO website at <http://www.warrenphilharmonic.org/strings-of-joy-2016.html> or can be requested from the WPO office.

"The *Strings of Joy* program continues the Orchestra's outreach to area schoolchildren," explained Atty. Bodor. "The orchestra performed two live concerts for students in October, and the winners of the student *Art in Music Contest* were announced at our November family concert. In April 2014, *Strings of Joy* participants joined the orchestra to perform the world premiere of *Maze*, composed by Pulitzer Prize winning composer Yehudi Wyner. We appreciate the support from Trumbull 100 and several individual donors that make *Strings of Joy* possible at no cost to the students," Bodor said. "A limited number of students can be accepted," he stressed.

The Orchestra will loan each *Strings of Joy* student an age-appropriate violin and provide individual, 20-minute lessons Sunday afternoons through June 2016. Occasional group lessons will be scheduled, as well. The Orchestra will provide printed music to the students at no cost. The lessons will be held at the WPO offices, 174 North Park Avenue, second floor, in Downtown Warren. Lesson instructors will be professional musicians from the region.

“With string programs eliminated from most area schools, the *Strings of Joy* program helps fill a need for those students interested in learning to play the violin and develop a deeper appreciation for our musical heritage,” Bodor explained.

Parents/Guardians must be willing to provide transportation for the lessons, provide encouragement and practice space, and assume ultimate responsibility for the instrument. The *Enrollment Agreement* can be downloaded from the WPO website at <http://www.warrenphilharmonic.org/strings-of-joy-2016.html>.

Parents/Guardians needing more information about *Strings of Joy* can contact Barry Dunaway, the orchestra’s executive director, at 330-399-3606 or warren.philharmonic@gmail.com.

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