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WPO Opens Applications for Free Violin Lessons to Next Class of Students

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 September 12, 2016, for the next class of students beginning September 25. An application form and related documents are available to download from the WPO website at <http://www.warrenphilharmonic.org/strings-of-joy-2016-2017.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 will perform two live concerts for area students in October, and the winners of the student *Art in Music Contest* will be announced at our October family concert. We appreciate the support from the Cafaro Foundation, 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. This second class will join other students who have been receiving instruction since January 2016.

The Orchestra will loan each *Strings of Joy* student an age-appropriate violin and provide individual, 20-minute lessons Sunday afternoons through June 2017. Occasional group lessons and performance opportunities will be scheduled, as well. The Orchestra will provide printed music to the students at no cost. The lessons will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 2627 Atlantic Street, NE, 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-2016-2017.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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