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History of the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra

The Warren Symphony Society, Inc., parent organization of the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra, was founded in June 1965 by local Attorney John W. Kurtz and has been a nonprofit organization since its inception. Its mission is to provide cultural experiences and music education throughout the Mahoning Valley. The primary goal is to provide cultural experiences that enrich the lives of all citizens, especially children.

During the first five years of existence, the WPO was called the Warren Symphony Society, and for three seasons was conducted by John Blackwell. In 1968, when Dr. George Zach became the music director and conductor, the name was changed to the Warren Chamber Orchestra, operating still as a nonprofit organization under the original Articles of Incorporation of the Warren Symphony Society. Dr. Zach currently holds the title of Conductor Laureate. In the 1990s Dr. Zach began a partnership with Trumbull County schools that continues to provide student instructional concerts for thousands of youth who would not otherwise be exposed to stringed instruments.

In 1999-2000 the Warren Chamber Orchestra became a full-sized orchestra and was renamed the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra to reflect that change. Renowned conductor Susan Davenny Wyner was named music director and conductor. Thereafter, musical programming and youth outreach expanded to include CDs of pre-recorded samples of orchestral music to be used by third through eighth grade teachers in the classroom culminating in an annual Art in Music Contest.

The Strings of Joy program was created in 2013 to provide free string instruction to students in Warren City Schools. The program was initiated at Jefferson and Willard K-8 with donated string instruments. Instructors are WPO orchestra members, paid under a separate fund consisting of grants and contributions from community organizations and individual donations. The program now includes 7 violin students from Trumbull County who went through an application process to participate. The Philharmonic plans to expand Strings of Joy program further.

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June 17, 18, 19, 2016



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50th Anniversary Celebration

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

Friday, June 17th at the Amphitheater

7:30 PM Musical Entertainment

8:30 PM Movie "August Rush"

10:30 PM Fireworks

Sat., June 18th in Downtown Warren

3:00 — 6:00 PM Music and Art Hop,
(choirs singing in the gazebo)

Venues located on Park Avenue:

TAG—Trumbull Art Gallery

FACT—Fine Arts Council-Trumbull

DNA Studios

Trolley ride to Kinsman House, Upton
House, Stark Edwards House, Chase
Building

Sunday, June 19th

Pops Concert at First Presbyterian Church
featuring the Joe Augustine Trio & Brian
Johnson



WARREN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Susan Davenny Wyner, Music Director & Conductor
50th Anniversary Pops Concert

SUNDAY JUNE 19, 2016 3pm
First Presbyterian Church
256 Mahoning Ave, Warren, OH
Special guests:
Joe Augustine Trio
Brian Keith Johnson, baritone

PROGRAM

Rossini: Overture to *William Tell* (allegro)

Rossini: "Largo al factotum" from *Barber of Seville*

Salute to Rodgers and Hammerstein (arr. Moss)
I Whistle A Happy Tune; My Favorite Things; Some
Enchanted Evening; The Surrey With The Fringe On
Top; You'll Never Walk Alone.

Gershwin: PORGY & BESS Selections (arr. Whitney)
It Ain't Necessarily So; Summertime; I Got Plenty O'
Nuttin; Bess, You Is My Woman Now; There's A Boat
That's Leavin' Soon For New York!

Joe Augustine Trio
All the Things You Are, Jerome Kern
Los Cabos, Joe Augustine
Take the "A" Train, Billy Strayhorn
No More Tears, Joe Augustine
Our Love is Here to Stay, Gershwin
Joe Augustine-piano
Dave Morgan-bass
Jim Rupp-drums

Fiddler on the Roof Selections (arr. Rapley)
Matchmaker; If I Were a Rich Man; Sunrise Sunset;
Wedding Dance; To Life; Tradition.

"Frozen" Selections (arr. Krogstad)
Do You Want to Build a Snowman? For the First Time in
Forever; Frozen Heart; In Summer; Let It Go.

