



Upcoming Events

Wallenberg Festival

Saturday, January 28, 2023
7:30pm, Forum Theatre

Mac and Cheese Fest

Thursday, February 16, 2023
6:00 - 8:00pm, Holiday Inn
Downtown Binghamton

Pops at the Fourm

Saturday, March 25, 2023
3:00pm, Forum Theatre

Northern Lights

Saturday, April 29, 2023
7:30pm, Forum Theatre

May the Fourth Be With You

Thursday, May 4, 2023
7:30pm, Anderson Center for the
Performing Arts

Summer Chamber Music Camp

June 26 - June 30, 2023

Camp Preview Concert

Thursday, June 29, 2023
7:00pm, Kopernik Observatory

Chamber Music Camp Concert

Friday, June 30, 2023
7:00pm, Phelps Mansion

Building Community Through the Power of Live Music

Dear Friends of the Philharmonic,

If last year was marked by us returning to the concert hall, then this year has been marked by us getting everyone else to return to the concert hall! This season, we haven't seen the COVID reluctance of last year. We are, however, seeing COVID-inspired inertia.

We're not alone here. Our local restaurants are seeing it. Our partners in the arts are seeing it. Our colleagues at the League of American Orchestras are seeing it. The list goes on.

We're seeing something else, too, however. We're seeing more children at our concerts than we've ever seen before. Thanks to Visions Federal Credit Union, our Season Sponsor, and M&T Bank, our Classical Series Sponsor, we're able to offer free tickets to kids 17 and under—and it shows. Our opening night concert,

American Journey, had more children in the audience than I've ever seen at any concert I've ever attended. And did you see the crowd at *Winter Wonderland*? We had over 1100 at the Forum, and about one third of that audience was made up of children.

Those free kids' tickets are just one way the Binghamton Philharmonic continues to meet its mission while also working to mitigate COVID-inspired inertia. For me, I can think of nothing better than having children and families hear a live symphony orchestra and sharing that experience with you, our tried and true patrons. I am sure you agree!

Sincerely,



Dr. Paul Cienniwa
Executive Director

Engaging Our Communities

By Paul Cienniwa

A community can be defined by affinity group, ethnic group, civic association, neighborhood, or just about anything that gives people a reason to be together. "Engaging Our Communities," an initiative spearheaded by the Philharmonic board, works to create three Philharmonic touchpoints for area communities, all in an effort to bring new audiences to the concert hall. The touchpoints typically include: a "Quaver Has a Feeling" presentation for children and families; a visit from Maestro Hege to talk about an upcoming concert; and complimentary tickets to that upcoming concert. If you know of a community that could benefit from this initiative, please contact the Philharmonic.

This season, we are working with area Boy and Girl Scouts on their music merit badges, including attendance at dress rehearsals and concerts. We will also meet with a homeschooling association this spring for a Quaver reading and a Maestro visit, while also providing concert tickets.

Just prior to January's Wallenberg Festival, students from the Binghamton City School District will attend "Ties and Tutus" at DoubleTree. This free dinner and Maestro visit is a fun and entertaining prelude to the evening's performance. We are grateful for IBM's sponsorship of all of these activities as we "build community through the power of live music!"



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Quaver Has a Feeling

By Erika Dentinger

This past summer, the Binghamton Philharmonic launched our newest educational outreach program, "Quaver in Every Corner." This program was born out of two prior COVID-19 projects: "Concerts in Every Corner," which featured small pop-up concerts all around the community, and our collaboration with local author Lenora Reigel to create a musical children's book, "Quaver Has a Feeling." The book tells the tale of a curious music note named Quaver, who learns about his feelings through musical excerpts. The book features QR codes for each feeling which lead the reader to playable recordings of the Binghamton Philharmonic's Wallenberg Legacy archive.

In our "Quaver in Every Corner" program, the story is brought to life



through narrator Erika Dentinger and Philharmonic musician April Lucas. With the help of NYSEG, Erika and April have been able to perform at ten different locations, including the Binghamton Housing Authority, Urban League, YWCA, and even Spiedie Fest. This season, we look forward to transitioning the program into local school districts, with the help of funding from the Hoyt Foundation. Through this program, hundreds of children

have been given the opportunity to experience live music while simultaneously learning about their feelings and developing emotional intelligence. In the lyrical words of Quaver, "My feelings are a part of me, not good, not bad, just there!"

Scan the QR code to
order a copy of "Quaver
Has a Feeling"



Arts Adventure Brings New Collaborations

By Paul Cienniwa

Several years ago, through the advocacy and inspiration of the Klee Foundation, the Binghamton Philharmonic partnered with Schorr Family Firehouse Stage, Tri-Cities Opera, and the Roberson Museum to create a family arts day at the Roberson. Arts Adventure had its second incarnation this past fall, also at the Roberson. Motivated by

these successful collaborations, the Executive Directors of these four organizations have continued the partnership by offering ticket discounts to new or lapsed patrons. This season, concert and museum patrons receive a 50% discount toward events or memberships at the partner organizations. The Arts Adventure continues!



New Visions Internship

By Caitlin Khan

We had the pleasure of hosting Katelyn Merlin, a Whitney Point High School senior interested in pursuing a career in business, as an intern this past fall. Miss Merlin is a part of the New Visions Business Program, an academic program for college-bound high school seniors interested in a career in business, health, engineering, education, or

law and government. Miss Merlin worked side-by-side with us in our office two mornings a week for four weeks. "I think it was a well-balanced experience from learning, experiencing all directors' jobs, and having an enjoyable experience," said Miss Merlin in her evaluation. "I enjoyed being a part of Mac & Cheese Fest, decorating the Roberson tree, and sitting in on all of your meetings."



Summer Chamber Music Camp

By Erika Dentinger

This past June, the Binghamton Philharmonic launched its inaugural Summer Chamber Music Camp. The camp took place downtown at Christ Episcopal Church, and students were instructed by two of the Binghamton Philharmonic's musicians: Deb Devine (Violin) and Patti O'Connell (Second Horn). Starting bright and early each morning, eleven students began as a full group and then broke into small groups ranging from two to six students. Participants also had the opportunity to tour the church's bell tower and pipe organ and backstage of the Broome County Forum Theatre. The camp finished with a recital in the historic Phelps Mansion ballroom, followed by a reception.

This year, our Chamber Music Summer Camp is back, running June 26-30 daily from 9am to 1pm. Campers can expect the same attentive educational experience, a recital at the Phelps Mansion,

and an additional performance opportunity at Kopernik Observatory!

Scan the QR code for camp audition details:



8th Annual Mac & Cheese Fest

Get Ready for Some Cheesy Goodness!



Holiday Inn,
Downtown Binghamton, NY

Thursday, February 16, 2022
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Tickets only \$25!

Scan the QR code to
buy Mac & Cheese
Fest tickets:



Get ready for some cheesy goodness with our **NEW** Chelsea Cheddar t-shirts, leggings, aprons, flip flops and more! Support the Philharmonic (and Mayor of Macaroni) by wearing cheese-tastic merch to our 8th Annual Mac & Cheese Fest!



We have fantastic **NEW** merchandise in our online store! These luxury items, including polo shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, wine tumblers, mugs, and hats are the perfect gift for the classical music lovers in your life!

Crypto: A New Way to Support the Symphony

By Brian Naylor

Through The Giving Block and Shift4, we now accept cryptocurrency donations! Once received, these funds are converted to real-value dollars and applied toward our Annual Fund. Given recent market trends, this allows you to offload your most fluctuant investments while supporting the Philharmonic. And that's music to everyone's ears!

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