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FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC

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FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC PARTICIPATES IN CARNEGIE HALL'S LINK UP PROGRAM, "THE ORCHESTRA ROCKS"

Link Up Program Participants will present a Live Concert, with teachers and students for the 2023-24 Season

In collaboration with Carnegie Hall, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic is participating in Link Up "The Orchestra Rocks," a music education program provided by Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute (WMI), during the 2023-24 Season. More than 2,200 students and chaperones in Northeast Indiana participating in the Link Up curriculum will attend a culminating concert on February 22 or 23, 2024, at the Purdue Fort Wayne Music Center conducted by Youth Education and Family Concert Director, Troy Webdell. Students will sing, play recorders, and respond to the orchestra from their seats with singing host, Stephanie Carlson, and the Fort Wayne Dance Collective, rounding out this interactive experience. Club Orchestras elementary students, an exclusive partnership program with Fort Wayne Community Schools, will participate on violin as well. This experience often serves as a students' first concert and provides them with the opportunity to apply the musical concepts they have studied.

For more than 35 years, Link Up has paired orchestras with students in grades 3–5 at schools in their local communities to explore orchestral repertoire and fundamental musical skills, including creative work and composition, through a hands-on music curriculum. Link Up addresses the urgent need for music instruction and resources by providing a free, high quality, year-long curriculum that teachers can implement, along with classroom materials, online video and audio resources, and the professional development and support necessary to make the program an engaging experience for students. The curricular resources have been digitally enhanced and made available for both in-person and remote teaching settings, to best support educators as they adapt to the extraordinary conditions of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic is one of Carnegie Hall's Link Up partners with more than 100 orchestras in the US and around the globe in countries that include Canada, China, Japan, Kenya, Dominican Republic, New Zealand, and Spain. Since 2003, Carnegie Hall has partnered with professional, community, and university orchestras across the US and around the world to support their existing education programs and strengthen their partnerships with local schools. In 2023-2024, Link Up will partner with sites in the US, as well as in China, Canada, Colombia, Spain, Kenya, New Zealand, Poland, and Japan, to serve approximately 450,000 students and teachers globally. Visit carnegiehall.org/LinkUp for a complete list of participants and further details.

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Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute: Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute produces an extraordinary range of music education and social impact programs each season that extend far outside the physical walls of the concert halls. These programs will reach over half a million people in New York City, across the US, and around the globe during the 2023-2024 Season.

Fort Wayne Philharmonic

The [Fort Wayne Philharmonic's mission](#) is to foster and instill a lifelong love of music across the orchestral spectrum through live performances and educational experiences. Music Director [Andrew Constantine](#) leads the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All programming is made possible by the support of community individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations. The Fort Wayne Philharmonic is graciously supported by the following partners: Purdue Fort Wayne, Indiana Arts Commission, and Arts United. For additional information, call 260.481.0770 or visit fwphil.org.