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WICHITA SYMPHONY FREE LIBRARY PERFORMANCES CONTINUE IN JULY

(Wichita, KS) Families of young children flock to Wichita Public Libraries (WPL) over the summer, and this year WPL has partnered with the Wichita Symphony for a free program. "Symphony Summers" launched in June with free 40-minute performances of "Welcome to the Wichita Symphony" designed to keep kids learning, reading, and involved in music throughout the summer months.

The children's book *Welcome to the Symphony* by Carolyn Sloan introduces young readers to the orchestra through an interactive journey. With its vivid illustrations and insightful narrative, the book serves as a perfect catalyst for these musical performances, designed to captivate audiences of all ages.

Each event in the Symphony Summers series features five talented musicians from the Wichita Symphony Orchestra, who bring the magic of classical music to life. Through a repertoire of accessible and familiar nursery rhymes and Disney tunes, children are captivated by an engaging and interactive show.

"We are thrilled to partner with Wichita Public Libraries to bring Symphony Summers to our community," said Micaela Heinrich-Arndt, Development Manager of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra. "We believe music has a unique power to inspire and educate. We have already reached 300 individuals through this series, and we hope to double our reach in July."

The performances will offer attendees an opportunity to interact with the instruments and learn about their roles within the orchestra. This interactive element promises to make Symphony Summers an enriching experience for children and families alike.

Generous support from Fidelity Bank and Thrive Restaurant Group makes these performances possible. In addition, every family who attends "Welcome to the Wichita Symphony" receives a free copy of *Welcome to the Symphony* by Carolyn Sloan, courtesy of Thrive Restaurant Group.

Check out one of the final three performances of "Welcome to the Wichita Symphony" in July at various branches of the Wichita Public Library. Admission to all performances is free, and this program is recommended for families with children ages 4-8.

For more information about Symphony Summers and to view the schedule of performances, please visit <https://wichitasymphony.org/events/community-concerts> or contact symphony@wso.org.

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