



Erie Art Museum

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**Live Music Series Summer Lineup Announced
Erie Art Museum's Mid-Day Art Break Series**

May 16, 2016, Erie, PA – The Erie Art Museum announces the summer music lineup for its 10th season of Mid-Day Art Break. The lunchtime concert series takes place every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., June through August. The free event features live music by local musicians, many of who have performed at the Museum's Blues & Jazz Festival, on the Museum's 5th Street patio and curated gallery tours at 12:30 and 1:00 p.m.

The Museum will once again host the Erie Philharmonic's popular "Get Your Phil at Noon" on three Wednesdays during this popular summer concert series. Some new Mid Day Art Break acts, such as the The Mighty Sea and The Mountain Thyme Ramblers will join familiar, returning favorites like The Breeze Band, Bass/Drum/Bass and theHELIOTROPES for the season.

The Museum's Wave Café will be serving a variety of sandwiches, wraps, and salads, as well as beer and wine, or visitors can bring their own lunch and enjoy it on the patio. The Museum's galleries are open free to the public every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mid-Day Art Break is sponsored by Connoisseur Media, Erie Insurance and JET24/Fox 66/YourErie.com. The music schedule is as follows:

June 1	Bass/Drum/Bass – Stephen Trohoske, Tony Grey and Stix Thompson
June 8	Tyler Smilo - <i>Americana-influenced folk songs</i>
June 15	World Refugee Day - <i>Celebrate the rich cultures of Erie's many refugee communities</i>
June 22	Get Your Phil at Noon - <i>Erie Philharmonic String Quartet</i>
June 29	The Four Grads <i>Four-part jazz-vocal harmonies</i>
July 6	Ron Yaroz and The Vehicle – <i>Blues Rock Band</i>
July 13	theHELIOTROPES - <i>Jazz duo with original expression on acoustic and electric instruments</i>
July 20	Get Your Phil at Noon - <i>Erie Philharmonic Brass Quintet</i>
July 27	Mountain Thyme Ramblers - <i>Traditional bluegrass with an Irish folk twist</i>

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Aug 3 The Breeze Band *Classic R&B, soul, blues*
Aug 10 The Mighty Sea – *Alternative acoustic duo with guitar*
Aug 17 Jess Royer and Nick Warren - *Rich, soulful vocals backed by surf-tinged twang*
Aug 24 Get Your Phil at Noon - *Erie Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet*
Aug 31 Members of Gannon University's Erie Chamber Orchestra

About the Erie Art Museum

The Erie Art Museum anchors downtown Erie's cultural and economic revitalization, occupying a group of restored mid-19th century commercial buildings and a modern, 'Green,' 10,500 square foot expansion. The newly expanded Museum marks the first LEED-certified building in the region, soon to be complete with a planted rooftop.

The Museum maintains an ambitious program of changing exhibitions annually, embracing a wide range of subjects, both historical and contemporary and including folk art, contemporary craft, multi-disciplinary installations, community-based work, as well as traditional media.

The Erie Art Museum also holds a collection of over 8,000 objects, which includes significant works in American ceramics, Tibetan painting, Indian bronzes, contemporary baskets, and a variety of other categories.

The Museum offers a wide range of education programs and artists' services including interdisciplinary and interactive school tours and a wide variety of classes for the community. Performing arts are showcased in the popular summer program, Mid Day Art Break, which represents national and international performers of serious music with an emphasis on composer/performers, and a popular annual two-day Blues & Jazz Festival.

The Erie Art Museum, café, and gift shop is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For additional visitor information, visit online at www.erieartmuseum.org or call 814-459-5477.

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