

The BPO, in cooperation with the Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries, presents a chance to get to know your Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra on a personal level. These free talks given by BPO musicians and staff give an intimate look inside the BPO while providing a basis of knowledge about the orchestral world. Located at: Downtown Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo • Orchard Park Library, S-4570 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park • Audubon Library, 350 John J. Audubon Parkway, Amherst.



Rob Deemer – Writing a Concerto for Orchestra

October 17, 2016 - 12 noon Downtown and 6:30pm Orchard Park
October 24, 2016 – 7:00pm Amherst-Audubon

Collaborative composer, Rob Deemer, speaks about his experiences writing for orchestra, especially focusing on his recently finished concerto for BPO English horn player, Anna Mattix, premiering on November 15th at Canisius College. Find out how a modern composer approaches the personal nature of creating of a work for a particular performer, carrying on this longstanding tradition in classical music.



Robin Parkinson – Nurturing the Next Generation of Audiences

January 30, 2017 – 12 noon Downtown and 6:30pm Orchard Park
February 6, 2017 – 7:00pm Amherst-Audubon branch

The BPO's Director of Education and Community Engagement, Robin Parkinson, will share her insights on the changing audiences for orchestral music and how the BPO is answering the ever-present question of how to develop the Orchestra's future audiences. Come learn about the BPO's best kept secret - its award winning programming for the youth of Western New York.



Brett Shurtliffe – Bach, Beethoven and Brahms

March 20, 2017 – 12 noon Downtown and 6:30pm Orchard Park
March 27, 2017 – 7:00pm Amherst-Audubon branch

Why do the three B's (Bach, Beethoven and Brahms) all sound different? Style! Join BPO bassist Brett Shurtliffe for an exploration of the specific sound of these favorite composers from the perspective of a string player. Take a look at how historical context and tradition informs a modern musician's interpretations.



Martha Malkiewicz – Hometown Musician

April 24, 2017 – 12 noon Downtown and 6:30pm Orchard Park
May 1, 2017 – 7:00pm Amherst-Audubon

Learn more about the path of a musician who left home to pursue music as far away as Europe and found her way back to a prominent place in Buffalo's musical community – the BPO. Contrabassoonist Martha Malkiewicz shares her experiences growing up in Buffalo and how it has shaped her professional life by combining two passions together, her love of Buffalo and her love of music.

Dates, times and presentations are subject to change.