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BOISE PHIL DELIVERS MUSIC EDUCATION TO K-12 STUDENTS ACROSS SOUTHERN IDAHO THANKS TO FUNDING FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND FOUNDATIONS

Boise, ID (1/27/21) – The Boise Philharmonic’s music education program reaches thousands of students each year, offering valuable instruction and mentorship from professional musicians and conductors, along with free educational concerts. Despite the coronavirus pandemic, **Boise Phil has remained committed to music education for youth** and, with the help of local businesses and foundations, has been able to expand the program this year.

“In response to COVID-19, we have been creating instructional videos that are disseminated online, free-of-charge, to schools and educators in the Treasure Valley and throughout Southern Idaho,” said Boise Phil General Manager Dan Howard. “The videos feature our very own Boise Phil orchestra musicians and maestros Eric Garcia and Jennifer Drake.”

Howard said that 20 instructional videos have been produced so far, with more in the works. Videos are designed for two audiences: elementary students who are in the process of selecting instruments for beginning band and orchestra, and more advanced instrumentalists in middle school and high school working toward ensemble playing techniques.

Recent funding for Boise Phil’s 2020-21 music education program includes \$10,000 from the John H. and Orah I. Brandt Community Foundation and \$5,000 from the Whittenberger Foundation. Additional funders include St. Luke’s, Union Pacific Foundation, Idaho Commission on the Arts, Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, League of American Orchestras, and US Bank Foundation.

Access to program videos is available to Idaho educators via a password protected YouTube channel. If you are an educator and would like access to this channel, please request a password online at <https://boisephil.org/education/resources/> or send an email to education@boisephil.org.

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The Boise Phil’s mission is to reflect the energy and heartbeat of our communities through invigorating musical experiences that touch the human spirit. Serving the Treasure Valley, the Boise Phil was established 60 years ago but traces its artistic roots back to 1885. It is the longest continuously running cultural organization in the state, and one of the longest in the country. In addition to the professional

orchestra, the Boise Phil also includes the Boise Phil Master Chorale and the Boise Phil Youth Orchestras.