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Keynote is the official eNewsletter of Tune Up Philly, a program of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Organization.

Greetings from Tune Up Philly!



Students meet Coach Vermeil!

Happy Holidays!

We at Tune Up Philly are thankful every day for the opportunity to work with such dedicated students, their families, and our wonderful staff of teaching artists.

The students from People for People Charter School and the Salvation Army Kroc Center have been working incredibly hard as we lead up to our first full concert this season. Many students will be making their concert debut at the Trinity Center for Urban Life (22nd and Spruce Streets) on December 21st—you won't want to miss this concert! We will be bringing together all 140 students for the first time this year featuring a multi-level, diversified learning orchestra composed of students who have been playing their instruments for four months to three years.

Recently, Tune Up Philly students were featured performers for a Teach for America donor event at World Cafe Live. It was a huge success and included a wonderful brunch shared with students, their families and teachers. It was a great moment of pride to see our students on this revered Philadelphia stage playing to a distinguished audience of Philadelphia educators.

Additionally, our advanced brass ensemble played at the People for People Gala Benefit on November 14th on North Broad Street. They wowed the guests with their rendition of the Eagles Fight song played to former Eagle's coach, Dick Vermeil and former Eagle, Rev. Dr. Herbert H. Lusk, II, Founder/CEO, People for People, Inc. As an added bonus, each student was given the chance to try on Coach Vermeil's super bowl ring, and the opportunity to participate in the banquet with their family.

We would be remiss, if we neglected to mention our staunch and generous supporters this year. This holiday season, as always, we give thanks and remember those who support music education and care so much about our community. Thank you to our individual and very generous donors too numerous to mention! We also acknowledge the leadership gifts from the following:

- APM/SCI
- The Elsie Lee Garthwaite Memorial
- Judith Brewer Haskell Foundation
- LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation)
- The Norman Raab Foundation
- The Rittenhouse Foundation
- Henrietta Tower Wurts Memorial
- The Wright Hayre Family Foundation

Our Tune Up Philly students and faculty welcome interested guests for program tours. If you are interested in visiting us at our North Philadelphia or Hunting Park location, please contact us for a tour. People for People Charter School is located at 800 North Broad Street and The Salvation Army Kroc Center is located at 4200 Wissahickon Avenue.

Remember to mark December 21st on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you at the Trinity Center! Please check our [website](#) for ALL concerts performed by TUP and our other Philadelphia Youth Orchestra divisions.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and we hope to see you in December!

Delia Raab-Snyder, Director
Tune Up Philly

Our First Concert of the 2013 Season!



Students from the Kroc Center preparing for our upcoming concert

On December 21st at 3:00 p.m., join Tune Up Philly for its family-friendly Holiday concert at the Trinity Center for Urban Life at 22nd and Spruce Streets in Center City.

This concert will mark the first collaboration of Kroc Center Students and People for People students as one orchestra! We constantly strive to utilize the orchestra as a place of inclusion, positive social development, and a place to hone large group behavior and music making. The positive power of 140 students from different communities in Philadelphia making music together marks an important milestone in our program.

We are excited to feature students from: Chestnut Hill, Logan, Nicetown, Germantown, Mantua, Mt. Airy, Kensington, Lehigh, Olney, Cobbs Creek, North Philadelphia, Strawberry Mansion, and other Philadelphia neighborhoods, as one unified ensemble.

The repertoire for our holiday concert will focus on pieces by Schumann, Traditional Folk Melodies and compositions by our very own Associate Director, Paul Smith.

Come out and experience the season's joy and spirit of togetherness with us!

Tune Up Philly's New Program in Allegheny West

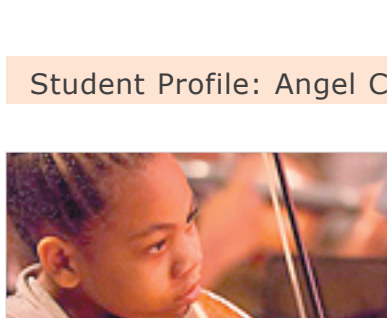


For three consecutive years, the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra has supported Saint James School through its annual Philadelphia Young Artist Orchestra (PYAO) concert at historic St. Mark's Church on Locust Street. St. James School was founded in 2011 as a mission of St. Marks and occupies the idyllic grounds of historic St. James the Less Parish at the corner of Hunting Park and Clearfield Streets.

This once abandoned property has seen a renaissance with the opening of this fifth through eighth grade school. This 19th Century 'country church' built on the plans of an historic English church in Boughton, UK sits at "the Falls of the Schuylkill" and is the resting place of many notables, including renowned female educator, Agnes Irwin and retail mogul, John Wanamaker and his sons.

St. James and TUP both work towards the same mission: to empower and improve the lives of children in Philadelphia—this makes for a natural partnership. Fifteen students will receive intensive two-hour, three day per week instruction, with the goal of joining the TUP orchestra in the spring. The St. James students will play alongside peers at the TUP 4th Annual Festival Concert on May 10th, 2014, bringing together all TUP students from all locations.

Student Profile: Angel Cooper

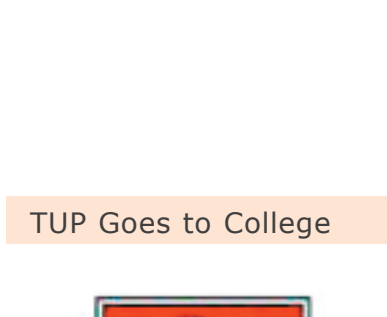


TUP student, Angel Cooper

Angel Cooper is a third grade violinist and student at People for People Charter School who began her music studies with TUP in first grade. Angel is extremely dedicated and practices every day at home. Her sister is in eighth grade, and also plays the French horn with TUP. Angel is always willing to help new students, encourage her group, and play to her highest ability. She is a joy to have in our program.

Although she is one of our younger after-school students, she sits in our only titled seat in the orchestra: concertmaster/mistress. We seat her there because of her incredible work ethic and drive. She is tasked with tuning the orchestra and with setting a positive peer example to the rest of the orchestra. She never falters in this job and is a true peer mentor, even for her young age. A resident of North Philadelphia, Angel makes her family, her school and TUP incredibly proud!

TUP Goes to College



University of Pennsylvania Crest

Part of our work with our young students is to expose them to the many offerings of their city. This year, we are introducing our student body to the many doors of higher education that surround them. The City of Philadelphia is well-endowed with some of the best universities and colleges in the region. We look to raise their awareness that these schools await them in the not-so-distant future.

TUP students will visit the University of Pennsylvania on February 22nd, 2014 and will rehearse side by side with Penn Students on the stage of the iconic Irvine Auditorium. TUP students will then share a meal with students in the Penn Orchestra, tour the Ivy League Campus, and see all that Penn has to offer.

As if this full day of campus immersion is not enough, TUP will play the overture to the Penn Symphony Concert at Irvine that evening. Be sure to look for TUP on the campus of Drexel and Temple in the spring, as we come to collaborate with students at both Universities!

Upcoming Concerts

Tune Up Philly
Saturday, December 21, 2013
3:00 p.m.

Trinity Center for Urban Life
Philadelphia, PA.

[More information >](#)

Tune Up Philly
Saturday, March 15, 2014
3:00 p.m.

Free Library of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA.

[More information >](#)

Tune Up Philly
Friday, March 21, 2014
6:30 p.m.

PYO GALA DINNER & CONCERT
The Union League of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA.

[More information >](#)

Complete performance schedules for Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, Philadelphia Young Artists Orchestra, Bravo Brass, PRYSM and Tune Up Philly may be viewed at www.pyos.org.



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