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From the Podium



Congratulations Bravo Brass on a wonderful Holiday Renaissance Concert.

Happy New Year Greetings!

When you open this email, we will have turned the pages of our calendars to 2014. As we look back at 2013, we can be glad in all that our students (and parents) achieved in the first half of our season. Our inaugural concert of November 17th boasted an unprecedented 1120 audience patrons. This outpouring of support for our flagship orchestra was a record-breaking attendance for our concerts at the Kimmel Center. I encourage you to continue spreading the word, inviting friends and family, and promoting all of our amazingly dedicated students across our six ensembles. Also last fall, the Parent Alliance meetings took root and activities and fundraising efforts are now well underway. Parents have stepped forth as organization volunteers and are supporting the students through activities that engender an even stronger community of PYO organization students.

Thank you to all who attended our November and December concerts: these were festive and well-attended. The Renaissance Holiday concert presented by Bravo Brass welcomed nearly 100 guests. The sonorous brass filled the cavernous neo-gothic church of St. Mark's and was followed with a congratulatory reception hosted by Bravo Brass parents. The PYAO Holiday Benefit concert received well over 250 guests at St. Mark's Church, where we collaborated (as has become tradition) with the talented choristers of the Upper Darby Encore Singers. Many thanks to all the parents and my tireless staff for all that they did to help prepare and make this a marvelous success. I would be remiss if I failed to thank my students. The fruits of your efforts and strong dedication are what define this organization. **Thank you.**

For all who were able to attend the Tune Up Philly Winter Concert, we thank you for your support of our outreach efforts and for sharing in the witness of the impact that we have through music for communities and students whose resources are so limited. We are fortunate to have you as supporters, that we may extend our gifts to those in need.

As I look ahead to the second half of this season, I cannot express enough enthusiasm for what will be an exciting several months ahead. Please mark your calendars for our **Annual Gala** celebrating 74 years of music education and performance excellence: **Friday, March 21, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. This year we return to The Union League of Philadelphia's majestic Lincoln Hall and will, once more, feature performances from all six ensembles, a full cocktail reception and dinner, and dessert paired with sale and auction of the works of the inimitable and incomparable artists of the Studio Incamminati. We welcome you to bring additional friends and encourage you to speak with our Development Director, Maria Newman to discuss sponsorship opportunities of this, our most important, fundraiser in support of the PYO organization. Also, as you mount your new 2014 calendars on your walls and desks, be sure to add ALL of our **spring concert events**...you won't want to miss a one!

To you and yours, all of us at the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra wish you a healthy and happy New Year.

With all best regards,
Louis Scaglione, President & Music Director
Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

PYAO Welcomes Rosalind Erwin to the Podium



Rosalind Erwin, recently appointed Conductor of Philadelphia Young Artists Orchestra.

Join me and the students of the PYAO in welcoming Ms. Rosalind Erwin as director and conductor for the PYAO and newest addition to the PYO Organization family.

Ms. Erwin, concurrently serves as the esteemed conductor of the Drexel University Orchestra. She will continue to enhance the music educational and performance opportunities of the students in the PYAO program division. Ms. Erwin brings with her a professional and collegiate level experience adding dimension to the robust orchestral program and supporting the college-readiness we offer to our students. You may learn more about Ms. Erwin in the press release sent announcing her arrival. Please take a moment to greet and welcome her at the next rehearsal.

PRYSM & PRYSM Young Artists 2013-2014 Debut



PRYSM & PRYSM Young Artists in rehearsal in the magnificent Thomas Great Hall of Bryn Mawr College.

Join us on **Saturday, February 8th** at 3:00 p.m. at Centennial Hall of The Haverford School for the first season performance of our youngest musicians. Under the direction of Gloria dePasquale and Jessica Villante, the children will delight their audiences with a program consisting of Holst's *St. Paul's Suite*; Warlock's *Capriol Suite*; and Leroy Anderson's *Fiddle Faddle*.

Don't miss this event which will also feature our PYO (and very talented) harpist, Helen Gerhold. Helen will join them in Vaughn Williams' *Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus*.

PYO T-Shirt Sales Exceed Expectations



The new PYO T-shirt design

The PYO t-shirt sales have been record-breaking...what we thought would engender interest from about 75, has turned into orders in excess of 150! Keep them coming! We are grateful for your loyalty and enthusiasm to walk out in these as ambassadors of this fine organization empowering young musicians and preparing them for a life-long of excellence!

Parent Alliance: Working Together, Building Community



Great Lakes Scrip yields great rewards for non profits.

Many thanks to all the parents that have come forth to volunteer and assist with the personnel table and concert logistics, with snacks, t-shirt production and distribution, and holiday concert receptions and festivities! We are immensely thankful for all that you sacrifice and do on behalf of your children—our outstanding and very talented musicians! Bringing together the students and their families is a wonderful way to strengthen our already robust organization.

Please note that the **GLSCRIP Gift Card Fundraiser** will begin in the New Year. Our Development Director, Ms. Newman, will contact the parent volunteer in advance taking orders when we return to rehearsals in 2014. Please contact **Maria Newman** at mlnewman@pyos.org, if you would like to be an ambassador for the PYO through the GLSCRIP program.

Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Alumni Association



Archival photo from the the Twenty-First Annual Festival Concert at the Academy of Music on April 23, 1961.

We welcome PYO Alum, Sohale Sizar, to the Alumni Association subcommittee that is managed by Development Director, Maria Newman, and coordinated by our own PYO percussion alumnus, Michael Brookshire. We are looking to formalize the membership for the spring, so be sure to contact Michael Brookshire via **email** or **LinkedIn** to share your experience with the PYO and to offer any updated contact information. We are also looking for a few good men and women to help Michael as we formalize the Association with a full committee and board.

Annual Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Gala and Concert



Please join us for the PYO gala in the newly renovated Lincoln Hall.

If ever there was a Gala not to be missed, this is the one! Join us on **Friday, March 21st, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the newly restored Lincoln Hall of the Union League of Philadelphia for our **Annual Gala** and concert. Be sure to contact Maria Newman, Director of Development, for information on how you, too, can become a presenter or sponsor of this year's gala. We are delighted to be showcasing all of our ensembles... you praised them all at last year's event, so we welcome them back—in larger numbers, yet—for this year's gala fundraiser. Share the date and the opportunities to support the PYO with friends, colleagues, local businesses, and other family members. We are delighted to welcome you and your guests. Because this is a full sit-down dinner prior to the performance, we will have only 250 seats available at the \$250 all-in price for reception, dinner, concert and dessert with open bar. Please call our office at 215 545 0502 for more information on how to secure your tables and seats to this grand event, or to pledge as a sponsor!

Upcoming Concerts

PRYSM

Saturday, February 8, 2014
3:00 p.m.

Centennial Hall, Haverford School
Haverford, PA

[More information >>>](#)

PYO

Sunday, February 16, 2014
3:00 p.m.

PYO Kimmel Concert Series
Verizon Hall, Kimmel Center
Philadelphia, PA

[More information >>>](#)

PYAO

Sunday March 2, 2014
3:00 p.m.

Benefit for Youth Work Foundation
Lincoln Hall, The Union League
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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