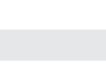


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Noteworthy is the official eNewsletter of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Organization.

From the Podium



Internationally acclaimed violinist Michael Ludwig on the Verizon Hall stage with PYO in a recent performance of Barber's Violin Concerto.

Dear Friends:

It is difficult to believe that we are now in May and looking forward to all our annual festival concerts. We have spent the last seven months preparing for our showcase concerts and all program divisions have been making tremendous progress. I am very proud of all the ensembles, the work they have accomplished, and I look forward to their respective annual festival concerts. Tune Up Philly's finale was held on May 10th at the Kroc Center to a standing room audience of family and friends. PRYSM and PYAO division concerts were held on the 17th and 18th at Haverford School's Centennial Hall and The Perelman Theatre, respectively. Bravo Brass finishes its season at St. Mark's Church with its May 31st concert the night before the PYO presents their repertoire and Ovation Award at Verizon Hall on June 1st.

Our students' accomplishments have been many and through their performance, they have delighted our expanding audiences. I have seen the students grow as young adults and as gifted and dedicated musicians. My hope is that when students return next year, they will have held-fast to the focus, determination and practice schedules that were built this year. The 75th Anniversary Season will be an exciting year. Not only will we have new opportunities for concertizing and collaborations, but I know that the repertoire each director will choose for their respective ensembles will challenge each student as musicians and that all students will emerge as an even stronger, more well-rounded instrumentalist. I encourage you to invite any student musician to one of our final concerts and encourage them to audition, if they are not already a part of the PYO family.

Auditions are schedule for Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, 2014. Ms. Erwin, PYAO director and conductor, and I will adjudicate the auditions for the orchestras. Bravo Brass' auditions will be on Monday, June 9, and adjudicated by Mr. Bryan and the brass faculty. PRYSM and PRYSM Young Artists will hold auditions on Friday, June 13, 2014, and will be adjudicated by Mrs. dePasquale and Mrs. Villante. Please visit the web site, www.pyos.org, for more information on auditioning for one of our program divisions.

Thank you for your support and generous contributions to the PYO organization, and for making the 2013-2014 season such a tremendous success. I look forward to seeing you at our annual festival concerts as we celebrate the accomplishments of our extraordinary students.

With all best regards,

Louis Scaglione, President & Music Director
Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

Calling all Young Musicians!



Schedule your PYO, PYAO, Bravo Brass, or PRYSM audition TODAY!

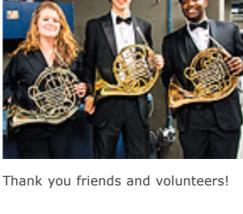
Our [audition schedule is posted](#) and we are ready to accept new applicants...[help us spread the news!](#)

Applicants are to follow the side navigation for the link to the appropriate program division and to be sure to submit an online request for an immediate booking.

PYO and PYAO auditions will be held the weekend of June 7 and 8, Bravo Brass on June 9 and PRYSM on June 13.

If interested parties cannot make the June auditions, there will be an opportunity to audition in the fall. Please check our website periodically for updates to the dates, times and required materials.

Heartfelt Thanks for the Many Hands and Hearts!



Thank you friends and volunteers!

Volunteers are the heart and core of any organization. We are fortunate to have so many willing and helping hands come to the fore to assist us with everything from library work, registration, attendance, concert logistics, development...the to-do-list is too long to mention. Instead, we offer our thanks to all of you, especially those listed here-under for all their generous time and talents shared. Please join us in a big 'BRAVO' shout to these families and individuals!

Chris & Derin Adebekun
Joy Bates
Baruch Ben-Dor
Mindyjane Berman
Susie Bleiman-Soll
Amanda Buoni
Diane Domani
Teresa Chen
Connie Clarke
Lindsey Crane
Alysson Cwoyk
Linda Donohue
Corey Fedorowich
Amy Friedman
Steve Gaston
Yuan Liu Gerhold
Tiedong Guo
Gwen Hemer
Leslie Higgins
Steve Hsieh
Lan Jin
Renée Johnson
Terez & Michael Kearney
Crystal Kim
Avanthi Kuchibotla
Tessie Lee
Jay Liu
Maria Luciano
Naomi Maloney
Susan Marcus
Kelly Markowitz
Angela McAvinue
Rachel McCausland

Dana & Dan McGahey
Seth McHenry
David Meketon
Lisa & Andrew Mell
Joseph Milewski
Hing-Kwan Morgan
Eileen Mottola
Susan Ng
Kathy & Michael Norris
Angela Phillips
Yuthika & Mukund Prabhu
Claudia Raab
Kym Rice
Lyette Richards
Donna Richardson
Catherine Ross
Tina Sander-Loftus
Gilda Schwab
Debi Scott
Kathy Sellers
Barbara & Karl Sivek
Heather Steinmetz
Qiaogong Su
Lilian Tan
Debbie & Chris Troiani
Denise Valmé-Lundy
Denise Walsh
Xiaomin Wang
Katie Wu
Amy Wulfman
Lili Xiao
Sherry Xuan
Charlene Yu

Supporting the PYO Organization



Your support helps to fulfill the lives of hundreds of individual students who will most certainly have their hands in the leadership of our future and our culture.

The Philadelphia Youth Orchestra is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. We need your support to continue this important mission into our 75th season and well into our 100th! Attend our concerts, support our Annual Fund and gala, and connect our programs with your social media networks, friends, families, music teachers, and whole communities. There are myriad ways to increase the following and support-base for our students.

[EITC \(Educational Improvement Tax Credit\) applications](#) are due mid-May for renewal businesses and July 1 for new applicants. We have sent several emails regarding this program that can provide a very meaningful financial support base for the PYO. Please refer to these, or [the state's website](#), for additional details about the program and be sure to call [Maria Newman, Director of Development](#) for any questions you may have. Ms. Newman is also available to assist you with the application process to help secure these tax credit funds for the PYO!

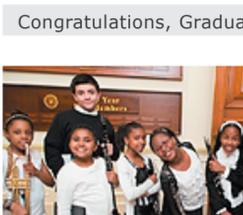
You do know that our [Spirit Wear Store](#) is open, yes? Be sure to share the link with friends and family. We have wonderful merchandise that will show off your PYO organization pride! Post this on FaceBook, Tweet it, email it...shout it from the hill-tops! This is a very easy way to promote your organization, raise the level of recognition, and widen our nexus of supporters.

Are you an Amazon aficionado? Don't forget to make your purchases through www.smile.amazon.com where you can make purchases through your regular sign-in and designate the PYO as the charity of your choice. A percentage of your total qualifying purchases will come back to the PYO in support of our work, together!

Who is up for some laser lights, pop music, and 'breaking' wood? Join us at [Lucky Strikes](#) on Saturday, June 14th from 5-7 p.m. for a bowling fundraiser! So far, the survey yielded that 28 of you were committed to this event and would bring guests for a total of 50 participants. Let's make the goal 100! The cost per person is \$35 and includes 2 hours of bowling, unlimited soft drinks, unlimited pizza, and unlimited FUN!

To become an ambassador and supporter of PYO, please visit our website or call 215 545 0502, and speak with our Director of Development, Maria L. Newman to discuss how your gift can be one that is lasting for generations to come.

Festival Concerts and Ovation Award



Please join us in supporting your talented and hard-working children, friends, and students at their culminating performances!

Don't forget to add the [Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Annual Festival Concerts](#) to your May and June calendars... Invite all your friends and family to share in your achievements... our students deserve the recognition and applause for a magnificent season.

The PYO concert of June 1st will also present the inaugural Philadelphia Youth Orchestra OVATION AWARD for Inspiration and Outstanding Leadership in Music Education. This event is generously presented and endowed by H.E.L.P.® Foundation and sponsored by our partners, Jacobs Music Company, J.W. Pepper, and WRTI. The award is based on the nominating essay that was most compelling in sharing the impact of a particular music educator. That afternoon we will invite all ten finalists to the stage for the final announcement of the grand prize winner and close out the afternoon with a tribute to the winner and all music teachers that have inspired us throughout the years!

Congratulations, Graduates!



Best wishes to the class of 2014, from your friends at Tune Up Philly!

PYO Annalee Althouse, violin <i>Wheaton College</i>	Rebecca Krown, bassoon <i>Temple University</i>
Alem Ballard, violin <i>Ithaca College</i>	Grace Lee <i>Washington University</i>
Dagny Barone, violin <i>University of Richmond</i>	Vincent Luciano, double bass <i>Temple University</i>
Lavi Ben-Dor, flute <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>	Mei Mei McDowell, violin <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Sean Bennett, violin Austin Berke, violin Joseph Burke, viola Jeffrey Chang, violin Michelle Cheng, violin Gi Rim Angela Choi, flute <i>Rutgers University</i>	Jeremy Middleman, horn <i>Vassar College</i>
Patrick Fei, violin <i>Boston College</i>	Larry Robinson, horn <i>Cornell University</i>
Michael A. Flynn, viola <i>Drexel University</i>	Mike Sha, violin <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Lauren Gaston, viola <i>University of Delaware</i>	Bartholomew Shields, violin <i>University of Memphis</i>
Helen Gerhold, harp <i>Curtis Institute of Music</i>	Akin Sogunro, viola <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>
Gareth Haynes, clarinet <i>Temple University</i>	Zachary Spector, bassoon <i>Brown University</i>
Jason Herrmann, violin <i>Harvard University</i>	James Tobias, trombone <i>The Juilliard School</i>
William Higgins, percussion <i>United States Merchant Marine Academy</i>	Helenmarie Vassiliou, violin <i>The Juilliard School</i>
Caroline Jones, violin <i>Princeton University</i>	Allan Wang, violin <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>
Claudia Kassner, oboe <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>	Dennis Woo, violin
Hyerin Kim, flute	Justine Zhang, clarinet
Nathan Korsen, trumpet <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>	PYAO Krista Goebel, flute <i>Amherst College</i>
	Alexandria Robbins, violin
	Bravo Brass Kelby Sivek, trumpet <i>George Mason University</i>
	Max Wamser, euphonium <i>Oberlin College</i>

Upcoming Concerts

BRAVO BRASS

Saturday, May 31, 2014
7:30 p.m.
11th Annual Festival Concert

St. Marks Church, Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA

[More information >>>](#)

PYO

Sunday, June 1, 2014
3:00 p.m.
74th Annual Festival Concert

The Kimmel Center, Verizon Hall
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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