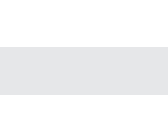


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## From the Podium



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 you 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.

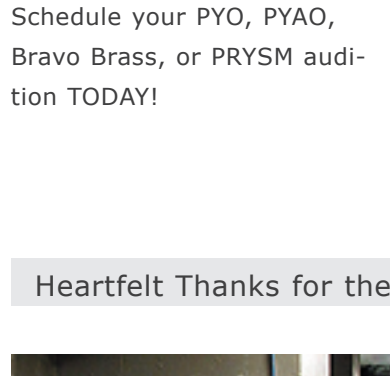
Auditions are schedule for Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, 2014. Ms. Erwin, PYAO director and conductor, and I will adjudicate the auditions for the orchestras. Bravo Brass' auditions will be on Monday, June 9, and adjudicated by Mr. Bryan and the brass faculty. PRYSM and PRYSM Young Artists will 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](http://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!



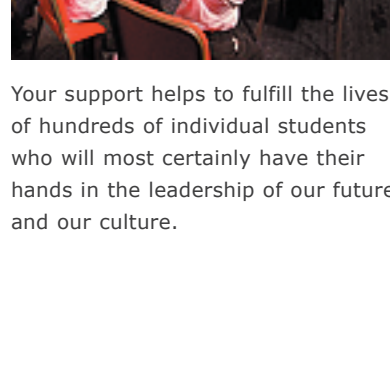
Thank you friends and volunteers!

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 Doman  
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!

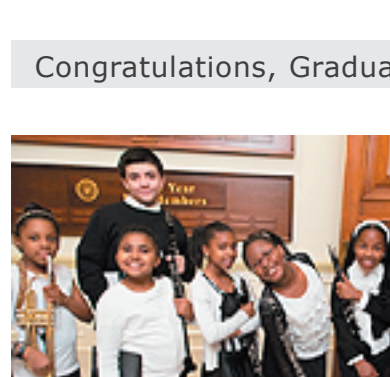
You do know that our [Spirit Wear Store](#) is open, yes? Be sure to share the link with friends and family. We have wonderful merchandise that will show off your PYO organization pride! Post this on FaceBook, Tweet it, email it...shout it from the hill-tops! This is a very easy way to promote your organization, 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](http://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... 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  
*Wheaton College*
- Alem Ballard, violin  
*Ithaca College*
- Dagny Barone, violin  
*University of Richmond*
- Lavi Ben-Dor, flute  
*University of Pennsylvania*
- Sean Bennett, violin  
Austin Berke, violin  
Joseph Burke, viola  
Jeffrey Chang, violin  
Michelle Cheng, violin  
Gi Rim Angela Choi, flute  
*Rutgers University*
- Patrick Fei, violin  
*Boston College*
- Michael A. Flynn, viola  
*Drexel University*
- Lauren Gaston, viola  
*University of Delaware*
- Helen Gerhold, harp  
*Curtis Institute of Music*
- Gareth Haynes, clarinet  
*Temple University*
- Jason Herrmann, violin  
*Harvard University*
- William Higgins, percussion  
*United States Merchant Marine Academy*
- Caroline Jones, violin  
*Princeton University*
- Claudia Kassner, oboe  
*University of Pennsylvania*
- Hyerin Kim, flute  
Nathan Korsen, trumpet  
*University of Pennsylvania*
- Rebecca Krown, bassoon  
*Temple University*
- Grace Lee  
*Washington University*
- Vincent Luciano, double bass  
*Temple University*
- Mei Mei McDowell, violin  
*University of Pennsylvania*
- Jeremy Middleman, horn  
*Vassar College*
- Larry Robinson, horn  
*Cornell University*
- Mike Sha, violin  
*University of Pennsylvania*
- Bartholomew Shields, violin  
*University of Memphis*
- Akin Sogunro, viola  
*Johns Hopkins University*
- Zachary Spector, bassoon  
*Brown University*
- James Tobias, trombone  
*The Juilliard School*
- Helenmarie Vassiliou, violin  
*The Juilliard School*
- Allan Wang, violin  
*Johns Hopkins University*
- Dennis Woo, violin
- Justine Zhang, clarinet
- PYAO**
- Krista Goebel, flute  
*Amherst College*
- Alexandria Robbins, violin
- Bravo Brass**
- Kelby Sivek, trumpet  
*George Mason University*
- Max Wamser, euphonium  
*Oberlin College*

## Upcoming Concerts

<b>BRAVO BRASS</b> Saturday, May 31, 2014 7:30 p.m. <b>11th Annual Festival Concert</b>	<b>PYO</b> Sunday, June 1, 2014 3:00 p.m. <b>74th Annual Festival Concert</b>
St. Marks Church, Philadelphia Philadelphia, PA	The Kimmel Center, Verizon Hall Philadelphia, PA
<a href="#">More information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a>	<a href="#">More information &gt;&gt;&gt;</a>

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](http://www.pyos.org).



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