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From the Podium



From left: Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Board Chairman Dr. Trude Haecker joins Maestro Louis Scaglione, the orchestra's president and music director, and Gala Co-Chairs Rebecca Clement and Gail Kardon.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Philadelphia Youth Orchestra and our terrific Gala Co-Chairs, Gail Kardon and Rebecca Clement, thank you for your generous support and enthusiasm during our 70th Anniversary Gala and Concert.

As you know, our newsletter is bi-monthly, but we thought a special newsletter was in order to capture the excitement of our milestone event. We hope you enjoy our look back on the gala and concert, and take some time to peruse the night's photos on Flickr and our recent media coverage.

We look forward to you and your family joining us for the remainder of the season. The best is yet to come!

Sincerely,

Louis Scaglione, *President & Music Director*
Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

PYO 70th Anniversary Gala and Concert in Review



Studio Incamminati realism artist Katya Held paints Philadelphia Youth Orchestra's concertmaster Alyssa Blackstone during the cocktail reception of the orchestra's 70th Anniversary Gala and Concert. Held's rendering of Blackstone as well as the work of two other fellow Studio Incamminati artists were sold that night in a silent auction to benefit the programs and services of the region's premier youth orchestra program.

More than 250 guests gathered on Friday, March 12 in fancy dress to fete **Philadelphia Youth Orchestra** on its 70th anniversary at the orchestra's 2010 Gala and Concert. The event raised more than \$80,000 to benefit Philadelphia Youth Orchestra's internationally acclaimed music program for students ages 8-21.

"Philadelphia Youth Orchestra grows exponentially each year," said Louis Scaglione, President and Music Director of Philadelphia Youth Orchestra. "The popularity of our program is a tribute to our dedicated faculty and talented students. We're very grateful for the generous support of those who make it possible to provide excellent programs and services to our students and the community."

Philadelphia Youth Orchestra's 70th Anniversary Gala featured more than 50 paintings and charcoal pieces created by **Studio Incamminati** artists—including live painting demonstrations by three artists. Several paintings depicted Philadelphia Youth Orchestra rehearsing for the gala and sold in a silent auction. Other works were available for purchase and a percentage of the final sale price will benefit Philadelphia Youth Orchestra programs and support the career path of each emerging artist from the studio.

"The Philadelphia Youth Orchestra 70th Anniversary Gala and Concert was a tremendous success," said Rebecca Clement, who co-chaired this year's event alongside fellow co-chair Gail Kardon. "I've had three children graduate from the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra program and I'm proud to support an organization that truly shapes the lives of young people beyond music performance."

Led by Maestro Louis Scaglione, the night's program included Brahms' Academic Festival Overture and Strauss' Til Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks. In addition, special guests from the **Philadelphia Region Youth String Music (PRYSM)** performed under the baton of **William dePasquale**, artistic coordinator and conductor. Mr. dePasquale formerly served as the co-concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra.

Check out these links to see more of the fun !

www.flickr.com/photos/pyomusic

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/pyomusic/4436752502/in/set-72157623503745367>

<http://vimeo.com/10197292>

<http://www.philly.com/inquirer/magazine/88050637.html>



Joni Antar joins her husband Elie at the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra 70th Anniversary Gala and Concert on March 12 at the Union League of Philadelphia.



Students in PYO's French horn section perform before an audience of nearly 300 guests at the 70th Anniversary Gala and Concert at the Union League of Philadelphia.

PYO Congratulates Recipients of Our Distinguished Service Awards



From left: Louis Scaglione, Philadelphia Youth Orchestra president and music director, joins Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Trude Haecker, with Distinguished Service Award winners David Mitchie, MaryTeresa Soltis, Rick Touhill, and Frances and James Maguire.

Each year, the Distinguished Service Award is presented to individuals, foundations and/or businesses that have made a difference in the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra program through generous contributions and unwavering support. At our 70th Anniversary Gala and Concert, we were proud to recognize the following winners of this year's awards:

Frances and James Maguire, individual category

David Michie, volunteer category

Rick Touhill, volunteer category

Cozen O'Connor, corporate category, as received by MaryTeresa Soltis, Esq.

Complete performance schedules for the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, Philadelphia Young Artists Orchestra, Bravo Brass, PRYSM and Musicopia, may be viewed on at www.pyos.org



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