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From the Podium



Maestro Scaglione and the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra performing in the magnificent Lincoln Hall of The Union League of Philadelphia.

Dear Friends:

Happy New Year from the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra organization. When the organization's flagship ensemble was founded more than 72 years ago, I wonder if they realized the thousands of classical music students PYO would impact throughout the decades. As we celebrate the advent of 2012, let's also celebrate the talent and hard work of the students involved in all of the PYO programs.

January marks the first concerts of the season from PRYSM and the Musicopia String Orchestra. I am looking forward to hearing the progress these young students have made this season and invite you to join me to applaud their dedication and hard work. The PYO **Kimmel Center** Series in Verizon Hall begins in February. You will not want to miss these exciting performances in Philadelphia's most prestigious venue. We have many more wonderful concerts this season; please review and share the full schedule with your family and friends at www.pyos.org. And don't forget to purchase tickets for the PYO Annual Gala on March 9, 2012.

As you plan your charitable giving for the coming year, please consider supporting the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra organization. A 501c3 nonprofit organization, PYO relies on the generous support of others. **To make a donation please visit the PYO website** or call 215-545-0502.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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

PYO 2012 Annual Gala



Artists from Studio Incamminati conducting a live painting demonstration at the 2011 PYO Gala.

The Philadelphia Youth Orchestra organization's annual gala will be held on Friday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m. at The Union League of Philadelphia. The largest fundraiser of the year, the PYO annual gala is a wonderful evening featuring a concert from the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra in Lincoln Hall preceded by cocktails and dinner, as well as an art show and sale of works by artists from **Studio Incamminati**. If you are interested in attending the gala, purchasing a table for dinner or sponsoring the gala at various levels through your tax-deductible donation, please contact PYO General Manager, Colleen Hood at 215-545-0502. Advanced reservations are required for this special evening to benefit one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious youth orchestras.

Spotlight On PRYSM



PRYSM in performance at The Haverford School's Centennial Hall.

The PRYSM and PRYSM Young Artists orchestras offer a unique introduction and preparation for string students to acquire and build skills. The students are taught in weekly small group sectional rehearsals and then in the full string orchestra with an emphasis on basic string technique and musical refinement. Side-by-side coaching by the professional faculty in rehearsals and concerts provides guidance and builds confidence in the more than 75 students currently enrolled. Graduates of PRYSM have matriculated successfully into other PYO orchestras and are enrolled in some of the best universities, colleges, and conservatories in the country. PRYSM is led by **William dePasquale**, Director and Conductor of PRYSM and former Co-Concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra and **Gloria dePasquale**, Director of PRYSM and current cellist with The Philadelphia Orchestra. Be sure to join us for **the next PRYSM and PRYSM Young Artists concert** on Saturday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m. at The Haverford School.

PYO 2012 Kimmel Center Series in Verizon Hall



The Philadelphia Youth Orchestra organization is the only program of its kind in the Tri-State region to perform in **The Kimmel Center** for the Performing Arts' Verizon Hall. In the 2011/2012 Season, PYO will perform three concerts in this special venue. The first, **February 19 at 7:30 p.m.**, will feature Shostakovich's Symphony No. 1 and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6. performed by more than 100 of the most gifted and talented, young, classical musicians in the region. For **tickets**, please call Ticket Philadelphia at 215.893.1999.

PYO Social Media



With so much happening in the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra organization, you can always obtain news and information about PYO, PYAO, Bravo Brass, PRYSM, Musicopia and Tune Up Philly through our **website**, **Facebook page**, **Twitter feed**, **Flickr account**, **YouTube Channel**, and **Tune Up Philly blog**.

Upcoming Concerts

PRYSM

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012
2:00 p.m.

Centennial Hall
The Haverford School
Haverford, Pa.

[More information >](#)

MSO

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012
5:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church
of the Holy Communion
Philadelphia, Pa.

[More information >](#)

PYO

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012
7:30 p.m.

Verizon Hall
Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
Philadelphia, Pa.

[More information >](#)

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



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