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From the Podium

Maestro Louis Scaglione is celebrating his 15th anniversary season with the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra organization.

Dear Friends:

The 72nd Season of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra organization is upon us. It is my 15th year with the organization and I am excited and proud of what we have planned.

This year, the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra will have a three-concert series in Verizon Hall at The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia. This is unprecedented for a youth orchestra in the area but I know the gifted and talented students in our flagship ensemble are up to the task of the challenging repertoire planned. Its sister orchestra, the Philadelphia Young Artists Orchestra (PYAO), also has a demanding and rewarding year ahead and I am excited by the young students who are involved this season. Bravo Brass, one of the only brass-only youth ensembles in the country, is offering a great experience for its musicians and the community alike in the 2011/2012 season. I am eager to see the growth and accomplishments of the students in PRYSM, PRYSM Young Artists, the Musicopia String Orchestra and Tune Up Philly.

Your support of the PYO organization is what makes our programs so vibrant and strong. Without your talent, hard work and generosity our 72nd Season would not be possible. Please take a moment to make a tax-deductible contribution, using our online donation form or send your contribution to the PYO office. Here's to the hard work and passion of our students and the community who supports them. To our new season!

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

2011/2012 Season Schedule

The Philadelphia Youth Orchestra organization is proud to announce the concert schedule for PYO, PYAO, Bravo Brass and PRYSM, Musicopia String Orchestra and Tune Up Philly. Please visit www.pyos.org for the full schedule of concerts for all of the ensembles of the PYO organization. We encourage you to purchase tickets early and share the schedule with your friends and family so they mark their calendars.

2011/2012 Season Faculty

Tune Up Philly's new Director, PYAO alumnae and Tune Up Philly clarinet teaching artist, Delia Raab-Snyder, pictured with Tune Up Philly students.

The Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome back many of the organization's talented and passionate directors. Maestro Louis Scaglione will continue to lead the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra as it embarks on an ambitious season. PYO alumni Geoffrey McDonald continues to serve as Conductor for PYAO. The faculty for Bravo Brass includes: Paul Bryan, Barry McCommon and Robert Skoniczin. PRYSM continues to be lead by William dePasquale, Gloria dePasquale and Sarah Sutton. The new Director for Tune Up Philly is Delia Raab-Snyder, alumna of PYAO. The faculty of the PYO organization is exceptional musicians and teachers—only the best for the Tri-State region's premier youth orchestra.

Streamlining PYO's Social Media

Beginning October 1st, the PYO organization will have one Facebook page to represent all of the ensembles in the organization. The Bravo Brass and Tune Up Philly Facebook pages will be removed, so that all Facebook users visit one page for information about PYO, PYAO, Bravo Brass, PRYSM and Tune Up Philly. Please visit the page and "Like" it to get updates and information from the PYO organization. PYO will also have only one Twitter feed (@PYOmusic) beginning October 1st. The PYO Flickr account and the PYO YouTube Channel will continue to be updated with photographs and videos of all of the ensembles in the organization.

2010/2011 Seniors Report

Graduating seniors from the 71st Season celebrate at the PYO Festival Concert in June 2011.

We surveyed the students in the PYO organization who graduated from high school last spring to determine the impact their classical music training with the organization had on their future plans. More than 96 percent of the students who responded said participating in the PYO organization assisted them in getting into college (80% are attending a four-year university; 20% conservatory). Nearly half of the respondents will be majoring in music. They students said they learned dedication, teamwork, hard work and self-determination from their experience in the PYO organization. In their own words:

> *From PYO, I learned to value the work I put into practicing each day and the rewarding experience I receive because of it. As a result, I've continued to work hard hoping to have more unforgettable experiences in life.*
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> *I learned that preparation is key. If everyone puts in their best work then you get great results. Orchestral playing is all about teamwork.*
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> *(I learned) never give up, always strive to do things better, never settle for second best or average. Always do things with excellence.*

We are very proud of all of our alumni and encourage them to keep in touch with the PYO organization by sending an update to Katie English, Director of PR and Communications. Please forward this newsletter to any PYO organization alumni that you know!

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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