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From the Podium



Maestro Scaglione gives performance advice to James McDowell, PYO alumni trumpeter, during a dress rehearsal in Verizon Hall of the Kimmel Center.

Dear Friends:

As you know, we face challenging times ahead. It is at this time that the arts and education become more vital to our community and our society. The Philadelphia Youth Orchestra program continues to provide the highest quality music education to 270 students this year. We are counting on you to help us continue to fulfill **PYO's mission**. If you have not already done so, please make a tax-deductible contribution to PYO's annual fund. If you did not receive our annual fund letter in the mail, please call the office, and we will be sure to add you to our mailing list. Thank you for your ongoing support that is so important to PYO. I look forward to seeing you at one of our many winter and spring concerts.!

2009 PYO Gala Concert and Dinner



Timpanist, Justin Faulkner, performing in Lincoln Hall at the 2008 Gala Concert.

You are cordially invited to attend the **2009 PYO Gala Dinner and Concert which will take place in the magnificent Lincoln Hall of The Union League of Philadelphia on Friday, March 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** The concert will feature the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra (PYO) under the direction of Maestro Louis Scaglione. Join us in celebrating 69 years of superior education, which the PYO program has provided to many generations of young people throughout the greater Delaware Valley.

The proceeds from the evening help fund the PYO scholarship and financial aid fund. Through its educational and music activities, the PYO program builds a strong sense of character and teaches discipline, commitment and maturity to its students. The PYO program is an outstanding example of young people achieving extraordinary accomplishments in an encouraging and supportive environment.

We are proud to feature one of our newest additions to the PYO family, the PRYSM (Philadelphia Region Youth String Music) orchestra under the direction of William dePasquale, former Concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra.

Throughout the evening, artwork by prominent local artists will be displayed and available for sale. The show will feature paintings, pastels, photography, and watercolors. The proceeds from the sale of the art will benefit the PYO scholarship and financial aid fund.

To request an invitation package for the 2009 PYO Gala Dinner and Concert, please contact the PYO office at 215.545.0502.

New Performance Venues for Bravo Brass



Members of the Bravo Brass trumpet section performing Fanfares and Carols during their Holiday Concert at Church of the Holy Trinity.

Bravo Brass, the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra brass and percussion ensemble, celebrates its 12th season during 2008-2009, and what better way to celebrate this milestone than by bringing Bravo Brass performances to new venues and audiences. This past June, Bravo Brass was one of over 130 ensembles from Pennsylvania to apply for the chance to perform at the 2009 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Conference in Valley Forge. Not only was Bravo Brass awarded the opportunity to perform at the conference—only 29 groups were chosen from the audition process—but the brass and percussion ensemble was given the honor of serving as the featured ensemble for the entire opening festivities of the conference. The performance will take place on **Thursday, April 23 at 9 AM in the Valley Forge Convention Center**. 2008-2009 also marks the debut of Bravo Brass at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. The ensemble presented one 45-minute performance in the Kimmel Center Plaza on Sunday, December 7. This performance led up to the ensemble's holiday concert—"Fanfares and Carols"—on Saturday, December 13, at Philadelphia's Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square.

Upcoming Concerts

PYO

Saturday, February 22, 2009
3:00 p.m.

*A Celebration of Music
Education in Our Public Schools*

Philadelphia High
School for Girls
Community College
Philadelphia, PA

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Bravo Brass

Saturday, February 28, 2009
8:00 p.m.

Saint Francis de Sales Church
Philadelphia, PA

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PYAO

Sunday, March 1, 2009
3:00 p.m.

*Benefit Concert for Youth Work
Foundation*

Lincoln Hall, The Union League
of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA

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



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