

Local performance of Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass*

The Young People's Chorus of Erie Chorale, in conjunction with the Penn State Behrend College Choirs, the Erie Philharmonic Chorus, and the North East High School Choir will be performing Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* at the Fairview High School Auditorium on Sunday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m. This preview performance of the choirs' upcoming Carnegie Hall performance will also include W.A. Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 19 in F Major* featuring pianist Sarah Kahl.

Tickets for this event are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. To purchase tickets please contact the YPC Erie office at 814-898-6789 or info@ypcerie.org. Concert proceeds will help support expenses for the Young People's Chorus of Erie and North East High School choirs' trip to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall.

Carnegie Hall Debut

On May 23, the Young People's Chorus of Erie Chorale in conjunction with the Penn State Behrend College Choirs, the Erie Philharmonic Chorus, and North East High School choir will perform at Carnegie Hall. Conducted by Dr. Jason Bishop, these five choirs will join their voices to perform the *Lord Nelson Mass* by Haydn. This prestigious venue hosts world renowned performers and conductors, and YPC is greatly honored to be offered the opportunity to make its Carnegie Hall debut so early in the organization's lifetime.

The May 23 program will also feature Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, for which YPC has been asked to serve as the youth chorus.

To support our choristers in this endeavor with a gift of financial support, please call the office at 814-898-6789 or by email at info@ypcerie.org.

Young Men in 20-Ten Honor Chorus Festival



Do you know a young man age 10-18 who loves to sing? If so, have them join us on **Saturday, June 19**, on the beautiful campus of Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, for the Young People's Chorus of Erie's Young Men in 20-Ten Honor Chorus Festival. This exciting new festival will emphasize the power of the young male voice, the history and popularity of male singing, and the camaraderie of the young men's choral experience! Participating young men will learn choral and vocal techniques for young male voices, and spend the day rehearsing in preparation for an evening concert. Young men wishing to participate in this exciting festival do not have to be members of YPC Erie; however, non-YPC members wishing to participate must first successfully complete an audition.

The cost for each participant is \$25, which includes a \$10 registration fee. For more information about the festival or to register please contact the YPC Erie office at 814-898-6789 or info@ypcerie.org. The Young Men in 20-Ten Honor Chorus Festival registration will close on Friday, May 28, so register today!

2nd Annual Summer Choir Camp:

August 9-13, 2010

Last year's Summer Choir Camp was such a success that it is back again this year by popular demand! Once again YPC Erie will be offering a residential camp for singers ages 10-18 and a day camp for singers ages 7-10. This exciting opportunity is open to all youth who have the ability to match pitch. You do not have to be a member of the Young People's Chorus of Erie to attend the camp; however, a pre-camp audition will be required for non-members.

Campers will rehearse in choruses daily in preparation for evening performances, and also will receive instruction in music theory, sight-singing, and private and group voice lessons. Recreational activities such as swimming, kickball, and crafts also are part of the daily schedule. Public performance opportunities will range from singing the National Anthem at an Erie SeaWolves baseball game to a major performance at the climactic event of the week, YPC Erie's annual Summer Gala fundraiser. The theme of this year's Gala is "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," and will feature a concert of music from around the world performed by all of YPC Erie's choir camp ensembles.



The cost for residential campers is \$250 and \$125 for day campers. YPC Erie is able to offer need-based scholarships for up to 50 percent of the cost. Registration for the 2010 Summer Choir Camp will continue until Friday, July 9. To register or to receive more information, please contact the YPC Erie office at 814-898-6789 or info@ypcerie.org.

Featured Choristers:

From the Young Men's Chorus – Dallas Baker



In 2008, Dallas Baker heard about YPC Erie's Songfest and decided that the event sounded like fun. After attending Songfest, Dallas joined YPC Erie and has been a member ever since. When he first joined he was a member of the Intermediate Choir, but has since advanced to be a valuable addition to both the Young Men's Choir and Chorale. Twelve-year-old Dallas is a seventh grader at Westlake Middle School, and spends a great deal of his time singing and acting. In addition to YPC Erie and his studies he recently played the Candyman Kid in his school's production of Willy Wonka.

When asked, Dallas said that his favorite part of YPC is "the diversity and all of the friends."

From the Concert Chorus – Lauren Taylor



Back in 2008, one of Lauren's teachers gave her a letter about YPC Erie's Songfest; after attending Songfest, she was hooked and has been a member ever since. The now 18-year-old Lauren, a senior at Saegertown High School, travels from Saegertown to Erie twice a week to participate in YPC. When asked what makes YPC so special to her that she would travel so far twice a week she responded, "I get to do what I love with people that enjoy the same thing." As if school and YPC don't keep Lauren busy enough, she also waitresses at Uncle Charlie's in Edinboro. Lauren is preparing to attend Mercyhurst College in the fall where she plans to study forensic science.

From the Intermediate Chorus – Michael Tseng



Ten-year-old Michael Tseng, this month's featured intermediate chorister, is in the fourth grade at Harding Elementary. Michael joined YPC when it was first established in 2009. Michael's favorite part about YPC is "singing for an audience"; he also sings with the First Church of the Covenant Choir. In his spare time Michael is learning how to swim at the Barber Institute, and wants to be a chemist when he grows up.

From the Elementary Chorus – Sarah Kloecker



Sarah is in the third grade at Our Lady of Peace, and has been a member of YPC Erie since its establishment in 2009. After hearing about YPC from her teacher, Sarah attended the YPC Erie Songfest in the fall of 2008. Having found Songfest so enjoyable, Sarah joined the organization and has been a member ever since. While Sarah's favorite part about YPC is the ability to "practice undisturbed," she also enjoys drawing, cats, and loves to write short stories. She is currently working on a story about her new hamster that she hopes to get published.

EITC Program Support

To date, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College has designated \$65,000 of support to YPC Erie under the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program. For more information about supporting the YPC through a company's EITC program, please contact Larry Mroz, Associate Director of Development, at 814-898-6780 or ljm36@psu.edu

Development News

We are pleased to announce that YPC has received a \$10,000 grant from the Erie Community Foundation. These grant funds will be used to provide tuition scholarships for choristers in need. Did you know that approximately 50 percent of our choristers are receiving scholarship support? As such, all levels of support are needed to help those choristers with significant financial need. Your support also helps us ensure that no child is turned away due to personal financial concerns. With the approaching Carnegie Hall trip the need of many choristers has increased, and can only be met through the support of our donors.

One simple way that you can help our choristers is by throwing a party – and who doesn't love a party? Then simply offer your guests the opportunity to make a contribution to support YPC in lieu of gifts. To host a house party for YPC, contact the YPC office at 814-898-6789 or info@ypcerie.org.

Donate to YPC Erie

YPC Erie exists because of the generous support of many donors and friends. In fact, less than 10 percent of YPC's annual budget is covered by a chorister's tuition. Your tax-deductible contribution to YPC Erie enables a diverse population of children to participate in YPC, providing need-based tuition scholarships, high quality instruction, music, uniforms, and performance opportunities throughout the Erie region and beyond.

If you would like to donate to YPC Erie, please make checks payable to The Pennsylvania State University, and indicate "YPC Erie" in the memo line of your check. 100 percent of your gift will be used to support YPC Erie. Mail your check to:

The Young People's Chorus of Erie
Attention: Sarah Kahl
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College
16 Erie Hall, 4651 College Drive
Erie, PA 16563-0201

You may also wish to consider:

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- Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)

If you have questions about your financial support, please contact the YPC Erie office at 814-898-6789 or email info@ypcerie.org.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 25 – Local Haydn and Mozart performance

Sunday, May 23 – *Lord Nelson Mass* performance at Carnegie Hall

Saturday, June 12 – Annual Spring Concert

Saturday, June 19 – Young Men in 20-Ten Honor Chorus Festival

Monday, August 9 - Friday, August 13 – Second Annual Regional Summer Choir Camp

Friday, August 13 – Second Annual Gala Fundraiser

PREVIEW PERFORMANCE

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN
LORD NELSON MASS

W.A. MOZART
PIANO CONCERTO NO. 29 IN F MAJOR
Featuring pianist Sarah Kahl

— Choirs also will perform the Lord Nelson Mass in May at New York City's Carnegie Hall —

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010, 4:00 P.M.

**FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM**
7460 McCrosy Road

D. Jason Bishop, conductor

PARTICIPATING CHOIRS
The Young People's Chorus of Erie Chorale
The Erie Philharmonic Chorus
The Penn State Behrend Concert Choir & Chamber Singers
The North East High School Choir

TICKETS
\$20 for adults, \$5 for students
A limited number of free tickets will be available to families in need.
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