

YPC Performs at Holiday Pops

This year's annual Erie Philharmonic Holiday Pops concert will take place on Saturday, December 4, at 8:00 p.m. at the Warner Theatre. For the second year in a row the Young People's Chorus of Erie's Concert Chorus and Young Men's Chorus have been asked to perform in collaboration with the Erie Philharmonic Orchestra. YPC is excited to once again be taking the stage with the talented Erie Philharmonic. This year's performance will feature Daniel Meyer as the orchestra conductor, and Dr. Jason Bishop as the director of the Erie Philharmonic Chorus and the Young People's Chorus of Erie.

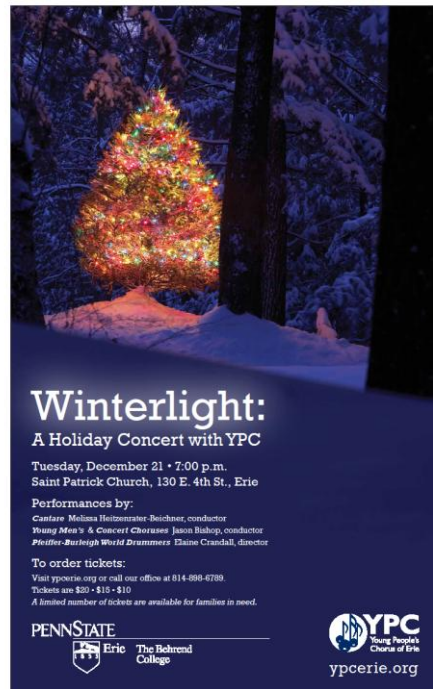


A Special Thank You to the Erie General Electric Federal Credit Union

Every month the Erie General Electric Federal Credit Union donates the proceeds that were raised from that month's fundraising to an organization it deems worthy. This year the credit union chose to donate the proceeds from the month of April to the Young People's Chorus of Erie. In special thanks for the credit union's generosity, Cantare will be performing at its upcoming Christmas party. The party will take place at the Ambassador Banquet and Conference Center in Erie on Saturday, December 4.

Tickets for the 2nd Annual Holiday Concert are Selling Fast

Tickets for "Winterlight: A Holiday Concert with YPC" are selling at a rapid pace. To ensure seating in the section of your choice, please contact the YPC office as soon as possible. Tickets are \$20 for Section A, \$15 for Section B, and \$10 for Section C. A limited number of free tickets are available for families in need. To purchase tickets please contact the YPC office at 814-898-6789 or info@ypc Erie.org. Ticket orders received before December 15 will be mailed and ticket orders received after December 15 will be held at the door.



The concert will take place at Saint Patrick Church located at 130 East Fourth Street, in Erie, at 7:00 p.m. We are also excited to feature the Pfeiffer-Burleigh World Drummers under the direction of Elaine Crandall in collaboration with YPC.

Spring Auditions for New Members Now Being Scheduled

As the fall term draws to a close we would like to invite interested young people ages 7-18 to audition for the upcoming spring term. Auditions will be held January 3-7, 2011 in the Larry and Kathryn Smith Chapel on the campus of Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. To schedule an audition please contact the YPC office at 814-898-6789.

YPC Welcomes New Board Members

Three new members were appointed to the YPC Board of Directors at the November meeting. New members are Alyson Amendola-Cummings, Darlene Lay, and Ann DeCecco Rutkowski. YPC is greatly pleased with the addition of these new members and looks forward to working with talented and generous individuals.

3rd Annual Honor Chorus Festival a Success

The Third Annual Honor Chorus Festival was another YPC success. The day-long event boasted 220 participants including YPC members, members of the Penn State Behrend College Choirs, and visiting choristers and teachers from around the region. Choristers spent the day rehearsing and socializing in preparation for an evening performance while teachers attended workshops. This year's workshops included conducting with Dr. Jason Bishop, a keyboard-related session with Dr. Sarah Kahl, vocal pedagogy with Dr. Anne Ortega, and a roundtable discussion on the importance of arts in education led by Char Mashyna, executive director of ArtsErie.



The exciting day concluded with the participants performing in a sold-out McGarvey Commons. The YPC staff and choristers would like to extend a big thank you to donors and volunteers who pledged money and/or time to help make the event a success. Special thanks to the following event sponsors: Clarence E. Beyers Music Performance Fund of the Erie Arts Endowment, Erie Insurance, and Little Caesars.

Africa 6000

On Saturday, November 6, the Young People's Chorus of Erie had the distinct honor of



participating in the Africa 6000 Gala. Africa 6000 is a non-profit organization committed to providing clean drinking water to children in Africa. Our choristers were honored to perform at an event focused on such a worthy cause.

YPC Goes to the BayHawks

All YPC members and participants of the Third Annual Honor Chorus Festival were invited to sing the National Anthem at the Erie BayHawks home opener. Fifty choristers gathered at the Tullio Arena on Saturday, November 20, to sing the National Anthem. After performing the National Anthem, choristers, staff, and parents enjoyed socializing while watching the game.

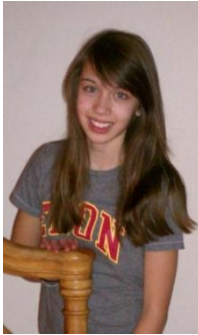
Registration for the Lake Erie Regional Choral Competition to Close Soon!

Registration has been extended to December 17 for the Lake Erie Regional Choral Competition. Registration materials can be obtained by visiting our Web site at ypcerie.org or by contacting the YPC office at info@ypcerie.org or 814-898-6789. The competition is open to college/university choirs, women's choirs, men's choirs, youth and children's choirs, church choirs, and adult community choirs. Competition rounds begin on Friday, April 8, on the

campus of Penn State Behrend and continue through Saturday, April 9. The weekend will conclude with a concert open to the public at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 10.

Featured Choristers

Cantare – Maddie Johnson



Maddie Johnson joined YPC in September of 2009 and has since been an active and talented member of Cantare. Her favorite part of YPC is the variety of songs that she learns. She especially likes the variety of styles and languages.

She is intensely interested in the performing arts, particularly singing and dancing. Aside from being busy with the sixth grade at Walnut Creek Middle School, this 11-year-old stays active with YPC in addition to ballet, modern, and pointe dancing. Her favorite music is pop and she would like to be a pop singer when she grows up.

Young Men’s Chorus– Devin Hinchman



Seventeen-year-old Devin Hinchman, is a junior at Seneca High School. Devin has been a member of YPC since it was first established in 2009, and was one of the members to participate in the YPC Carnegie Hall debut this past May. His favorite parts of YPC are the rehearsals and the concerts.

Outside of YPC, he spends time singing in both his church choir and his school choir.

Devin also enjoys theatre and playing the piano. As passionate as he is about the arts, it comes as little surprise that after graduation he would like to pursue a career as a music instructor, a conductor, or a director.

Concert Choir – Yi Han

This term YPC was excited to welcome Yi Han to the ranks of the Concert Chorus. This 16-year-old is a foreign exchange student from China. Yi is currently in the States attending her junior year at Villa Maria Academy.



Yi’s favorite part about YPC is how nice everyone is. When she’s not studying or rehearsing with YPC, she enjoys playing the piano and the guitar and acting; her favorite music is jazz and rock. When she grows up she would like to be the manager of a restaurant.

New Director of Community Engagement

YPC is pleased to announce the appointment of Kimberly Morewood as director of community engagement.



Kimberly is a public, media and government relations consultant with over thirteen years experience in government and politics. She has served in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives as both chief-of-staff to a state representative and as a caucus public relations coordinator. She has experience in grassroots campaigning, grassroots lobbying, fundraising,

issue management, event management, as well as campaign management, strategy and development.

In addition to her political and government service, Kimberly holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and practiced as a private Montessori school teacher for four years. She also has a history of volunteer projects for various non-profit organizations such as the Harrisburg Area Riverboat Society and the Flagship Niagara League. Most recently she served on the operations team for the Tall Ships 2010 festival. She is a past board member of Welcome Wagon of Erie and the Tracy Elementary School PTA and a former American Cancer Society Relay for Life team member.

We look forward to the energy and creativity Kim will bring in advancing our organization in the community.

Give the Gift of Song: Your Donations Support Our Choristers

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.

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. One hundred percent of your gift will be used to support YPC Erie. Send your gift to:

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

You may also wish to consider:
- Honorariums & Memorial Gifts
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- Sponsorship Opportunities
- 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.

How Might You Get Involved During YPC's Most Active Time of the Year? Volunteer to Help!

YPC's success is a result of the efforts of many people within our community. Here are some simple ways you can get more involved and share YPC with your family, friends and associates:

- Sell tickets
- Volunteer at concerts: usher, sell tickets, pass out programs, etc.
- Invite friends and family to attend the upcoming performances with you
- Plan a Dutch-treat dinner before an evening concert
- Host a reception before or after an event
- Introduce YPC to your friends and potential supporters
- Get involved with one of the YPC volunteer groups

Sponsor tickets for community organizations, scouting troops, schools, retirement homes, etc. Let us know what interests you! For more details and to share any other ideas, please contact Kim Morewood, YPC director of community engagement, at 814-898-6859 or kim.morewood@gmail.com.

2010-2011 Events:

- Saturday, December 4: Performing with the Erie Philharmonic at the Holiday Pops & Erie General Electric Federal Credit Union Christmas Party
- Tuesday, December 21: Holiday Concert at St. Patrick Church
- Saturday, January 8: Performing at the Hamot Gala
- Saturday, February 12: Valentine's Pops with the Erie Philharmonic
- Tuesday, February 15: "Flourishing Child" performance at Mercyhurst College
- Friday, March 11: YPC Tour of Schools
- Friday, April 8 through Sunday, April 10: Lake Erie Regional Choral Competition
- Friday, May 6: Spring Concert at the Warner Theatre
- August 8-13: Third Annual Choir Camp