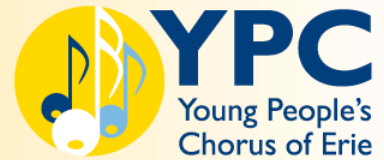


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Second Annual Spring Concert

On Saturday, June 12, the Young People's Chorus of Erie will host its Second Annual Spring Concert. This performance will take place at the Cathedral Preparatory School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature performances by all five of YPC Erie's choirs: Elementary, Intermediate, Young Men, Concert Chorus, and Chorale. Tickets for this exciting event can be purchased in advance by calling the YPC office at 814-898-6789, or tickets may be purchased at the door as available.

Second Annual Spring Concert

Saturday, June 12 • 7:30 p.m.

Cathedral Preparatory School, 225 West 9th Street, Erie
Conductors: Melissa Heitzenrater-Beichner
Elementary & Intermediate Chorus
Jason Bishop
Concert, Young Men's & Chorale Chorus



Tickets \$20 • \$15 • \$10
\$5 for children ages 7-12

Order tickets by phone at 814-898-6789
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Young Men in 20-Ten Honor Chorus Festival to Take Place on June 19

In an effort to reach more young male singers, the Young People's Chorus of Erie launched a new campaign this year entitled "Young Men in 20-Ten." This new program focuses on tapping the potential of local male youth who are interested in singing, and providing them with vocal training specific for the young male voice. The highlight of this campaign will be the Young Men in 20-Ten Honor Chorus Festival to be held on the campus of Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, on Saturday, June 19. The cost to participate in the Young Men in 20-Ten event is \$25. Scholarships are available for those who demonstrate financial need. For more information or to register, please contact the YPC office.



The festival is open to all young men ages 10-18 who enjoy singing. Participants do not need to be YPC members, though non-YPC members will be required to participate in an audition before registration can be complete. This daylong event will include rehearsals in preparation for an evening performance open to the public, which will take place at Penn State Behrend at 7:30 p.m. in Bruno's Café, Reed Union Building. Join us as we celebrate the camaraderie of the young men's choral experience!

Summer Choir Camp Fast Approaching: August 9-13!

This year's Regional Summer Choir Camp is coming soon! Once again held on the beautiful campus of Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, the Young People's Chorus of Erie will be offering a day camp for campers ages 7-10 and an overnight camp for campers ages 10-18 from August 9-13. Camp activities will include daily rehearsals and daily performances, including singing the National Anthem for the Erie SeaWolves and singing at YPC Erie's Second Annual Gala, this year themed "Ain't No Mountain High Enough."

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. The cost for overnight campers is \$250 and includes lodging, all meals, and supplies. The cost for day campers is \$125 and includes lunches, snacks, and supplies. YPC is able to offer need-based scholarships for up to 50 percent of the cost for those who demonstrate financial need.



Registration for camp will continue until Friday, July 9, so hurry and send in your registration or call us at 814- 898-6789 to register. For more information about this year's choir camp or other great YPC opportunities, please visit our Web site at www.ypcerie.org or email us at info@ypcerie.org.

"Ain't No Mountain High Enough"

The Second Annual YPC Gala will be held on Friday, August 13, at the Ambassador Conference Center. The Gala will kick off with a reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by a feast of international foods, flavors, and music. Guests will be entertained by

performances by the YPC Choir Camp choristers, as well as the Stephen Trohoske Jazz Trio.



The cost is \$100 for the Gala event AND the after-party, or simply \$25 for the after-party. We need your help to raise money for our choristers! Invite your friends, be a sponsor (corporate or individual), donate items for the silent auction, or give a monetary donation! For more information on this event please email us at info@ypcerie.org or call us at 814-898-6789.

YPC Visits Toronto, Buffalo

The YPC Erie Intermediate Chorus – along with several members of the Concert Chorus – paid a special visit to the Toronto Children's Chorus on Saturday, June 5. Our day-trip began with a 6:00 a.m. departure from Erie, arriving in Toronto at 10:00 a.m. to observe the Toronto Children's Chorus dress rehearsal and meet the choristers. In existence for thirty-three years, the Toronto Children's Chorus is a highly professional and impressive organization. The opportunity for our choristers to see another children's chorus in action – especially one as polished and renowned as TCC – was a very valuable educational experience. After lunch at the Hard Rock Café in Toronto, our YPC Intermediate Chorus performed a sensational concert for an appreciative audience at Saint Ann Church and Shrine in Buffalo, N.Y. This was the first time the Intermediate Chorus performed an entire program of music on its own, and what a performance it was! Congratulations to the YPC Intermediate Chorus on a successful day!



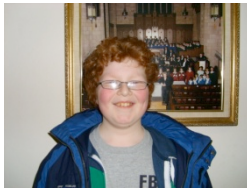
FEATURED CHORISTERS:

Claire Perritano – Elementary Chorister



Nine-year-old Claire Perritano is in the third grade at Rolling Ridge Elementary School. As a founding member of YPC Erie, Claire has been a part of the organization since the beginning and enjoys every moment of the experience. Aside from singing with YPC, she also participates in the Erie Playhouse and plays both soccer and softball. When asked what her favorite part about YPC was she replied that she likes “getting to learn new songs.” When she grows up, Claire would like to be a veterinarian because she loves animals, especially dogs.

Gaetano Carvelli – Intermediate Chorister



When asked what he enjoyed the most about YPC, Gaetano replied, “expressing my love of singing through song.” An avid singer, twelve-year-old Gaetano is a seventh grader at Saint Peter School and enjoys singing and hanging out with his friends. He and his friends especially enjoy watching “Ghost Adventures.” While Gaetano loves singing, his dream is to be a math teacher.

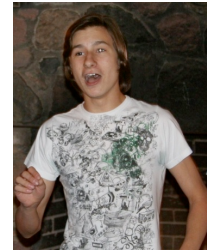
Eliza Borgia – Concert Chorister



Actively involved in the arts, fifteen-year-old Eliza Borgia enjoys not only singing with YPC, but also drawing, especially elements of Japanese culture, and acting with the Erie Playhouse, a pastime she

hopes to resume this summer. As a freshman home school student, Eliza dreams of attending an art college in New York City. She is particularly interested in the possibility of attending the Art Institute of New York City for graphic design. An outgoing and happy girl, Eliza’s favorite aspects of YPC are “the people— they’re all crazy and awesome— the songs, and the awesome conductor.”

Riley Droney – Young Men Chorister



Seventeen-year-old Riley is not only an active YPC member, but also active in the community and his school. As an eleventh grader at McDowell High School, he has acted in musicals for his school and participated on his school’s soccer team. He has also acted in musicals for the Blasco Library, the Erie Playhouse, and Footlights. He is as of yet undecided on where he would like to go to college, but does plan to attend college after graduation. Riley’s favorite parts of YPC are the cool people, all of the help he has obtained with his singing, and the wonderful songs they are able to perform. He is especially thankful to all of the donors for helping to make this experience possible for him and many of the other members; he says that their help means a lot to all of them.

Carnegie Hall Reflections

After an exciting and whirlwind trip to the Big Apple for the YPC Chorale to perform on stage at Carnegie Hall, many of our choristers have been brimming with excitement.

Laura Foley, a member of the Concert Chorus and Chorale stated, “When you think about the whole thing, it’s really astounding that we were there and got to sing on the same stage as so many great people in history. Not just classical music, there have been so many kinds of music performed on that stage as well. To be a part of that is something really special, and to have done as well as everyone says, it’s really extraordinary.”

Meredith Supinski, also a member of the Concert Chorus and Chorale stated, “It showed me how much I really love music. It totally awes me that I

would practice such a big piece of music for so long, and never get tired, or lose hope. I worked hard the whole way, and it paid off in the end. It showed me what working hard really is.”

Devin Hinchman, a member of the Young Men’s Choir and Chorale stated that the experience was not only “life-changing” but “adrenaline-rushing.”



Special Thanks to our Carnegie Hall Sponsors

The staff and choristers of YPC would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Carnegie Hall debut a resounding success. Our Carnegie Hall sponsors were: Leo J. Brugger Jr., Joseph A. Benacci, Patti L. Williams and David Uhlig, Barbara J. Allen, Betty Ann Levine, Martha Hilbert, Roger Knacke, Joseph M. Hilbert, William and Cecily Sesler, Douglas and Deborah Murphy, D. Garth and Margaret Hetz, Clemon R. Austin III, Ethel S. Kochel, T.B. and Susan H. Hagen, Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Buseck, Reddog Industries Inc., John Lehrian, Raymond and Kathleen Schreckengost, and Leonard and Linda Mroz.

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

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

The Young People’s Chorus of Erie
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Upcoming Events:

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- Saturday, June 19 – Young Men in 20-Ten Honor Chorus Festival Concert, Bruno’s Café, Reed Union Building, Penn State Behrend, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 27 – Erie Summer Festival of the Arts Performance, 1:00 p.m., Liberty Park
- Monday, August 9 - Friday, August 13 – Second Annual Regional Summer Choir Camp
- Friday, August 13 – Second Annual Gala Fundraiser, Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center, reception beginning at 6:00 p.m.