

3rd Annual Honor Chorus Festival is November 13

On Saturday, November 13, the Young People's Chorus of Erie will host its third annual Honor Chorus Festival on the campus of Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. Over 220 people will be participating in the event, which will involve a day filled with rehearsals and vocal pedagogy for the choristers and workshops for the teachers and directors.



The evening will conclude with a public performance at 7:30 p.m. in McGarvey Commons. Tickets for the concert are \$5 per person and will be available at the door. For more information, please contact the YPC office at 814-898-6789 or info@ypcerie.org.

Tickets for the 2nd Annual Holiday Concert to go on Sale November 8!

Tickets for the Young People's Chorus of Erie second annual Holiday Concert will go on sale Monday, November 8. Tickets will be \$20 for section A, \$15 for section B, and \$10 for section C. Seating in each section is limited, so please order your tickets in advance to ensure that you receive seating in the section of your choice.



The event will take place at Saint Patrick Church, located at 130 East Fourth St. in Erie at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21. To order tickets please contact the YPC office at 814-898-6789 or visit our website at ypcerie.org to print a ticket order form. Order forms can be faxed to the YPC office at 814-898-6785 or mailed 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

Registration for the Lake Erie Choral Competition to Close Soon!

Registration for the Lake Erie Choral Competition will close on Wednesday, December 1. Registration materials can be obtained by visiting our website 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.

Cantare Tour of Schools a Success

On Friday, October 8, YPC's Cantare went on its first Tour of Schools under its new name. The choir consisted of a mixture of new and returning members. Members, parents, and staff alike were excited to showcase the talents of the chorus at Erie's Roosevelt, Perry, and Pfeiffer-Burleigh elementary schools.



The choristers and their conductor, Melissa Heitzenrater-Beichner, gave three successful performances and then returned to Penn State Behrend for some much deserved recreation time.

Featured Choristers

Cantare – Abby Dever

A second-grader at Klein Elementary School, 8-year-old Abby Dever recently joined the Young People's Chorus of Erie after attending the second annual Choir Camp this past August.



Her favorite part about YPC is the "listen and repeat process" used during Cantare rehearsals to teach the choristers new music. Aside from her love of music, (pop in particular), Abby also enjoys gymnastics, roller skating, basketball and playing outside. She particularly enjoys playing on her family's trampoline. This active and talented

chorister would like to be a teacher when she grows up.

Young Men's Chorus– Alexgiomuel Gonzalez

The YPC Young Men's Chorus was happy to welcome AJ to its ranks as a member this fall. AJ had his first experience with YPC this past June during the Young Men in 20-Ten Honor Chorus Festival. He says that his favorite part about YPC is "just to be there and to have an opportunity to showcase my talent with other people who enjoy singing as much as I do".



As a freshman at Central Tech High School, AJ stays busy with homework, but in his free time he enjoys playing his guitar. When he grows up he would like to be a professional musician, a music producer, a singer, or a doctor. While he is passionate about music, AJ says that he would like to become a doctor because he likes to "help the people who need it the most."

Concert Choir – Linnae Keys

Thirteen-year-old Linnae Keys is in the eighth grade at JoAnna Connell Elementary School and music is a large part of her life. Aside from school and YPC, she also plays the cello for the Strings of the Heart Orchestra in residence at Mercyhurst College.



Her favorite part about YPC is the "friends and relationships built during rehearsal and concerts."

Her favorite genre of music is gospel and she wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up.

Making a “Splash” with the PA EITC Program

Splash Lagoon owner Nick Scott Sr. and his family recently used the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program available to businesses to support the Young People’s Chorus of Erie. As we publicly thank the Scott family, we invite you to find out more information about business support through the Pennsylvania EITC program. For details, please contact Larry Mroz, associate director of development, at 814-898-6780 or ljm36@psu.edu.

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 Tiffany Gilger, YPC production manager, at 814-898-6781 or tiffany@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. One hundred percent of your gift will be used to support YPC Erie. Mail your check to:

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You may also wish to consider:

- Honorariums & Memorial Gifts
- Bequests & Charitable Designations
- Corporate Matching Gift Programs
- 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.

2010-2011 Events:

- Saturday, November 13: Honor Chorus Festival with evening concert
- Saturday, November 20: Singing the National Anthem at the Erie BayHawks game
- 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, 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