

# PYO

*Fall 2012*

# NOTES

Pocono Youth Orchestra

*Established 1987-25th Season*

## PYO CELEBRATES 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SEASON

The Pocono Youth Orchestra proudly begins its 25<sup>th</sup> season of providing northeastern Pennsylvania students with the experience of performing exciting orchestral music under the tutelage of its directors, Tony and Audrey Simons.

The PYO was formed in 1987 by parents and area string teachers under the leadership of our founding director, Mary Pratt Rhiel. Today, the PYO consists of two orchestras.

The Pocono Junior String Orchestra (**PJSO**) is a string ensemble for elementary and Junior H.S. Students. The Pocono Youth Orchestra (**PYO**) is a full symphony orchestra for Senior H.S. students or accomplished junior high school musicians.

Our orchestras are proud to include as its members some of the brightest and most talented students in the Poconos. We are grateful to the families of our musicians and the community for your continuing support for the past quarter century.



## President's Message

The PYO has a tradition of including in its concert programs our musicians' biographies and career plans. Without exception, our students' aspire to grand adventures and exciting careers. Although not all become professional musicians, the experience of performing with the PYO has taught them skills and enriched our alumni in ways they will remember throughout their lives.

During our Silver Anniversary year, the PYO would like to reconnect with our alumni. We invite them to share with us some of their many adventures. If you are an alumnus or a family member of an alumnus, we would love to keep you informed about the PYO. Please email us your contact information to [music@pocono-youth-orchestra.org](mailto:music@pocono-youth-orchestra.org) and "friend" us on Facebook. We are planning a reunion concert in June 2013 and we look forward to reconnecting. Even if you are unable to attend, we would love to share PYO news with you by sending you what I hope will be a regular series of newsletters. We wish our alumni the greatest success in all of your future endeavors. --**Jerry Geiger, President**

## **YEAR IN REVIEW--2011-2012 SEASON**

The PYO's 24<sup>th</sup> season included concerts to sold-out audiences at East Stroudsburg University's Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall.

We finished the year with a wonderful Mozart Violin Concerto performed by graduating senior, Cindy Mathiesen. Cindy is pursuing a career in music at Ithaca College and we wish her every success in her musical career.



## **A LOOK AHEAD TO THE 2012-2013 SEASON**

To commemorate our Silver Anniversary year, we commissioned a special orchestral piece from a composer in the Lehigh Valley.

The Silver Anniversary Concerts at ESU include the Winter Concert performances on January 19 and 20, 2013, and the Gala Spring Concert performances, scheduled for June 1 and 2, 2013.

While still in the planning stages, we would like to invite our Alumni to attend and be recognized at one of our Winter Concert performances in January. We also invite any interested Alumni members to join with us, performing again on stage with the PYO in several selections during our June Spring Concert weekend.



We will update our website (<http://www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org>) to provide you with information as it becomes available. If you are an alumnus with an interest in attending, please email us to let us know. We realize that you may not be able to commit this far in



advance but it will help us for planning purposes to know the extent of alumni interest in attending or performing.

Please visit our website for a complete listing of our senior soloists and repertoire for the upcoming 25th season concert performances.

## How You Can Help the PYO

The PYO relies on modest tuition fees paid by its members, grants, and concert donations. Your contributions can help deserving students who might not otherwise be able to perform with us. Because of budget problems, many Pocono school districts are considering cuts in their extracurricular programs, including their music programs. Few regional schools even have a string program. The PYO is one of the few opportunities for students in our area to play in an orchestra. No donation is too small. If you would like to help support the PYO, please send donations to:

Pocono Youth Orchestra  
P.O. Box 1101  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

A second way to help us will not cost you a dime. Weis Markets, one of our corporate sponsors, pays the PYO 1% of all Weis Markets' receipts we submit. This has generated hundreds of dollars for the PYO. If you shop at Weis Markets, save your receipts and send them to us. You can mail them to the address listed above or drop them off at any of our rehearsals. Rehearsals are on Monday nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Stroudsburg Junior H.S. on Chipperfield Drive in Stroudsburg. Our parent volunteers sit at the front desk, just inside the entrance. If that is inconvenient, email us and we will pick up your receipts. We appreciate your help and we look forward to seeing you at all of our 25<sup>th</sup> season concerts.

## Dates to Remember

### December 2, 2012:

PYO Strings, 2:00 p.m.  
Lawnhaven at Stroudsmoor  
Country Inn

### December 11, 2012:

Christmas String-Along  
Grace Park, Stroudsburg

### January 19 & 20, 2013: Winter Concerts

7:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall,  
East Stroudsburg University.

### March 24, 2013: Bus Trip

New York Youth Symphony at  
Carnegie Hall Concert, 2:00 p.m.

### June 1 & 2, 2013: Spring Concerts

7:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
Cecilia S. Cohen Recital Hall,  
East Stroudsburg University.

### June 3, 2013: Auditions

Auditions for the 2013-2014  
season



## **PYO BOARD MEETINGS**

November 17, 2012

January 5, 2013

March 9, 2013

May 4, 2013

All meetings are held at the Eastern Monroe Public Library in Stroudsburg and begin at 10 a.m.

## **PYO Board of Directors**

The PYO relies on a volunteer Board of Directors. We encourage anyone with an interest in the orchestra to join the Board, to volunteer with fundraising, or to assist at concerts. All of your help is welcome, no matter how small. If you have ideas on how to improve the organization, suggestions for fundraising or marketing, or any other issue, we welcome all input. Our Board meetings are open to the public and we encourage anyone with an interest in our program to attend. All meetings are held at the Eastern Monroe Public Library in Stroudsburg at the corner of Route 611 and Chipperfield Drive and begin at 10:00 a.m.

### **POCONO YOUTH ORCHESTRA 2012-2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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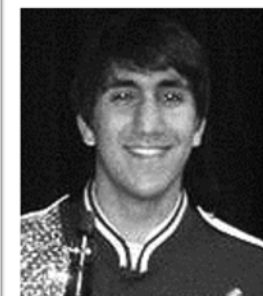
## **SPOTLIGHT: SPRING CONCERT SOLOIST**



**Cindy Mathiesen**, performed the first movement of Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major, K. 219 at our Spring Concerts on June 2 and June 3, 2012.

Cindy is a 2012 graduate of Stroudsburg High School and is a

PYO veteran of many years. Cindy began playing violin in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She played in the PJSO for 2 years and the PYO for 5 years. In addition to performing with the PYO, she played in orchestras in the Lehigh Valley and was the concertmistress of the Young People's Philharmonic. Cindy won the 2009 Vivaldi Concerto Competition while a member of the Junior String Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley. She was the recipient of the 2012 PMEA District X Orchestra Festival Scholarship. Cindy is now attending Ithaca College where she intends to double major in music education and music performance. Cindy's solo performances at the Spring Concerts were outstanding and she will be missed. The PYO wishes her every success with her musical career.



## Pocono Youth Orchestra June 2012 Graduates

**Aidan Crank**, cello  
Johns Hopkins University

**Maddison Kendrick**, violin  
West Chester University

**Emily Lantz**, violin  
Drexel University

**Rebecca Kuc**, violin  
Wilkes University

**Kelsey Day**, violin  
University of Tampa

**Devin Diaz**, clarinet  
Moravian College

**Cynthia Mathiesen**, violin  
Ithaca College

**Iris Kristina Rosario**, viola  
Temple University

**Danielle Wyckoff**, viola  
University of Vermont

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