



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **The Philadelphia Orchestra Welcomes NYO2 and NYO-USA to Philadelphia**

*Project in Partnership with Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute Brings NYO2, a 78-member Youth Orchestra, to Philadelphia for a Weekend of Training, Mentoring, and Performing*

*FREE Side-by-Side with The Philadelphia Orchestra and NYO2, July 2*

*Culminating FREE Full Orchestra PlayIN with Members of The Philadelphia Orchestra, NYO2, NYO-USA, and Area Students Provides Unique Training Opportunity for Young Philadelphia Musicians, July 3*

(Philadelphia, June 8, 2016)—[The Philadelphia Orchestra](#) welcomes members of **NYO2** and **NYO-USA** from [Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute](#) to Philadelphia, July 1-3, 2016. The Orchestra and Carnegie Hall, two organizations with deep commitments to education and artist training, have partnered to provide unique opportunities, particularly for NYO2. This new program featuring some of the most talented musicians ages 14 through 17 from across the country was created with a particular focus on attracting students from communities underserved by, and underrepresented in, the classical orchestral field. The inaugural NYO2 features students from 27 U.S. states as well as Puerto Rico, including two from the Philadelphia area. NYO2 is an extension of Carnegie Hall's NYO-USA (the National Youth Orchestra of the USA), a program for ages 16 through 19, now in its fourth year.

“We enthusiastically welcome the members of NYO2 and NYO-USA to Philadelphia,” said Philadelphia Orchestra President and CEO Allison Vulgamore. “The opportunities for young Philadelphia musicians to join in, working with NYO2 members and then with The Philadelphia Orchestra and the two visiting youth orchestras will enrich Philadelphia’s artistic life in new and important ways. I know Philadelphians will be engaged by the enthusiasm and skills of these bright performers. Our musicians are always inspired by working with the next generation of young artists. This is a great priority for us. We look forward to welcoming our community to the free Side-by-Side and PlayIN on July 2 and 3.”

After an intensive two-week training period at Purchase College, State University of New York, where they will work with a faculty including members of The Philadelphia Orchestra and other major orchestras from throughout the country, the members of NYO2 will come to Philadelphia for a full weekend of musical activity, along with their older peers in NYO-USA. They will share their skills and experience with young Philadelphia musicians, work with selected Philadelphia Orchestra members, rehearse with Conductor Giancarlo Guerrero and The Philadelphia Orchestra, and more.

During their visit to Philadelphia, NYO2 musicians will also have the opportunity to mentor younger students from the Philadelphia Music Alliance for Youth at the Curtis Institute of Music, visit the National Constitution Center, and participate in The Philadelphia Orchestra’s annual Free Neighborhood Concert at Penn’s Landing on Friday, July 1, at 6:30 PM. On Saturday, July 2, at 6 PM, NYO2 musicians will sit Side-by-Side with The Philadelphia Orchestra under the baton of Giancarlo Guerrero for a concert at the Kimmel Center’s Verizon Hall that is free and open to the public. Also on Saturday, July 2, members of NYO-USA’s brass section will perform at the Philadelphia Phillies’ postgame festivities. The weekend culminates in a Free Full Orchestra PlayIN at the 23rd Street Armory at 12 PM on Sunday, July 3, featuring members of The Philadelphia Orchestra, NYO2, NYO-USA, as well as local instrumentalists from Philadelphia-area youth orchestras. The PlayIN can accommodate as many as 500 musicians, and interested participants are asked to register via [EventBrite](#).

The NYO2 and NYO-USA activities fall under the Education and Access branches of The Philadelphia Orchestra’s [HEAR](#) initiative, a portfolio of programs that promotes **H**health and wellness, champions music **E**ducation, eliminates barriers to **A**ccessing the Orchestra, and maximizes impact through **R**esearch.

A schedule of NYO2 and NYO-USA activities in Philadelphia follows.

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**NYO2 Mentoring Philadelphia Music Alliance for Youth Students**

July 1 from 2 to 4:30 PM – Friday afternoon – Curtis Institute of Music

Please note this event is closed to the public, but media are invited to attend.

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### **FREE Philadelphia Orchestra Neighborhood Concert**

July 1 at 8 PM – Friday evening – RiverStage at the Great Plaza at Penn's Landing

#### **The Philadelphia Orchestra**

**Lio Kuokman** Conductor

**Bobby Hill** Boy Soprano, Keystone State Boychoir

Williams	<i>Olympic Fanfare and Theme</i>
Copland	"Hoe-Down," from Four Dance Episodes from <i>Rodeo</i>
Lloyd Webber	"Pie Jesu," from Requiem
Berlin	"God Bless America"
Various	<i>Armed Forces Salute</i>
Williams	"March of the Resistance" and "Rey's Theme," from <i>Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens</i>
Williams	"Throne Room" and Finale, from <i>Star Wars</i>
Tchaikovsky	<i>1812 Overture</i>

The Philadelphia Orchestra returns for a ninth season to present another FREE Neighborhood Concert on the RiverStage at the Great Plaza in partnership with the Delaware River Waterfront Corp. *Join us starting at 6:30 PM for a pre-concert performance from the talented students of NYO2.*

This concert is FREE and open to the public. Seating is general admission and first come, first served. Tickets are not required. For more information, visit [philorch.org](http://philorch.org) or [delawareriverwaterfront.com](http://delawareriverwaterfront.com).

The Philadelphia Orchestra's Free Neighborhood Concert Series is presented by Wells Fargo.

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### **NYO2 Side-by-Side Rehearsal with The Philadelphia Orchestra**

July 2 from 1:30 to 4 PM – Saturday afternoon – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Verizon Hall

Please note this rehearsal is closed to the public, but media are invited to attend.

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### **FREE Side-by-Side with NYO2**

July 2 at 6 PM — Saturday evening — Verizon Hall, Kimmel Center

#### **The Philadelphia Orchestra**

**NYO2**

**Giancarlo Guerrero** Conductor

Rachmaninoff	Symphonic Dances (The Philadelphia Orchestra)
Tchaikovsky	<i>Capriccio italien</i> (NYO2)
Respighi	<i>The Pines of Rome</i> (The Philadelphia Orchestra and NYO2)

The concert is FREE, but tickets are required, and will be available beginning June 8, 2016, at noon at [philorch.org](http://philorch.org). Please note that free tickets do not guarantee seating. Seating is general admission and first come, first served. Tickets are also available by phone at 215.893.1999 and at the Kimmel Center Box Office on the southwest corner of Broad and Spruce Streets.

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### **NYO-USA Philadelphia Phillies Postgame Performance**

July 2 – Saturday evening – Citizens Bank Park

The NYO-USA brass section performs following the Kansas City Royals @ Philadelphia Phillies game at Citizens Bank Park.

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**FREE Full Orchestra PlayIN**

July 3 at 12 PM — Sunday afternoon — 23rd Street Armory, Philadelphia

**Members of The Philadelphia Orchestra**

**NYO2**

**NYO-USA**

**James Ross** Conductor

**Lio Kuokman** Conductor

Bizet

Rimsky-Korsakov

Tchaikovsky

“Farandole,” from *L’Arlésienne*, Suite No. 2

*Capriccio espagnol*

Finale from Symphony No. 4

The NYO-NYO2 weekend in Philadelphia concludes with a massive side-by-side performance at the 23rd Street Armory, featuring members of The Philadelphia Orchestra, NYO2, NYO-USA, and local instrumentalists from Philadelphia-area youth orchestras.

Registered participants are asked to arrive by 9:30 AM. Rehearsal begins promptly at 10 AM. To register for the PlayIN, [click here](#).

This concert is FREE and open to the public. Seating is general admission and first come, first served. Tickets are not required. For more information, please visit [philorch.org](http://philorch.org).

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