City Music Center/TRYPO Collaboration

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An exciting new collaboration between Duquesne University’s City Music Center (CMC) and Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras (TRYPO) will provide members of both organizations with new educational opportunities and an enhanced musical experience.

City Music Center is a music school for children, teens and adults from the Pittsburgh and tri-state area. Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, the center provides conservatory-level training including private instrumental lessons, eurhythmic and musicianship classes and participation in ensembles.

Originally known as The Three Rivers Training Orchestra, the Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestra has enabled more than 2,000 alumni to grow through a deeper appreciation for the musical arts by serving students ages 13-18. Inquiries for an even younger orchestra began to arise and, in 1985, Symphonette was created for students ages 8-14. The combined groups then became Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras. This season, the organization will feature a diverse group of more than 120 students ranging in age from 9-18.

Established to be the premier pre-collegiate music program in Pittsburgh, City Music Center now offers students the opportunity for audition and possible membership in TRYPO as part of its standard tuition.

“This new relationship between our two organizations will provide so many great opportunities,” said Christopher Bromley, director of CMC. “We are thrilled that we can now offer our students participation in an established and well-respected youth orchestra as part of the center’s core curriculum.”

Lindsey Nova, executive director of TRYPO, said that the collaboration between CMC and TRYPO is a win-win for everyone involved. “The agreement between City Music Center and TRYPO is a tremendous opportunity for both organizations. City Music Center was looking to add a large ensemble experience to its curriculum, and TRYPO is thrilled to provide those ensembles. Additionally, TRYPO is happy to have a home venue that is excited to have us and is looking to establish a long-term relationship that will help both organizations with student recruitment and retention.”

As part of the collaboration, TRYPO has moved to its new location at Duquesne’s Mary Pappert School of Music. “We are pleased to extend Duquesne’s mission of service to the talented musicians of the Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras,” said Dr. Edward Kocher, dean of the Mary Pappert School of Music. “Our exciting new partnership will benefit both of our organizations and the music students of our region.”

Beginning with the 2012-2013 season, the collaboration will provide CMC and TRYPO students with a full slate of educational and performance opportunities through cross-registration, including private lessons, musicianship (music theory, music history, ear training, etc.), small ensembles and large ensembles. Students will also have the option to participate solely in TRYPO or CMC with an à la carte membership.