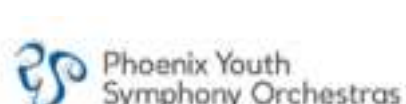


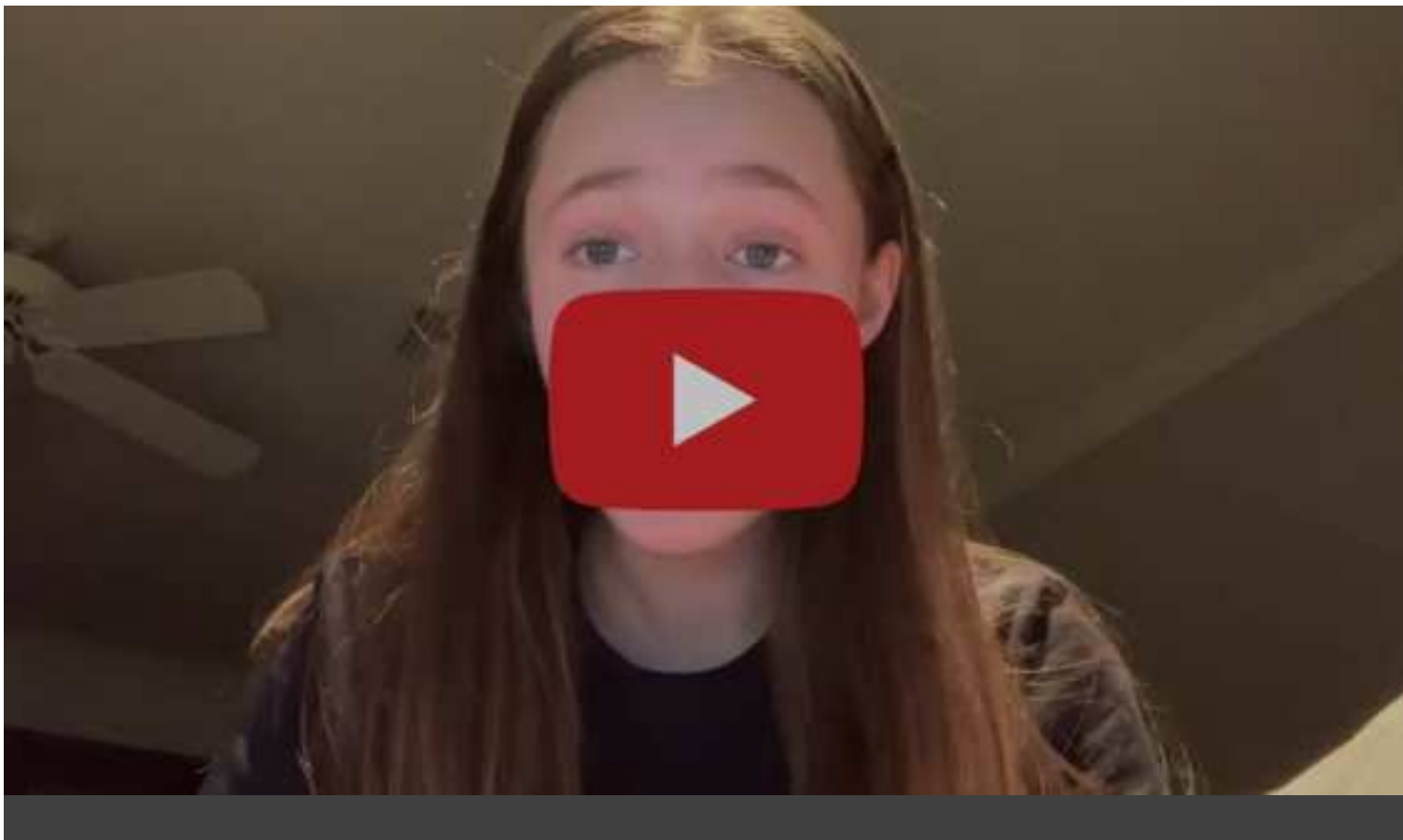
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February Newsletter

What is new?

Enjoy a wonderful rendition of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" by Symphony Orchestra's bass section: **Cameron Bertolet, Taraneh Atri and Rakshak Shah.**



Student Spotlights

Congratulations to PYSO and past PYSO students for making All-State Jazz in Arizona!

- **Jibrael Alsooz** - Trumpet - Hamilton HS
- **Cameron Bertolet** - Bass - Desert Mountain HS
- **Brett Page** - Trombone (tuba PYSO) - Highland HS
- **Maxim Strong** - Tenor Sax (violin PYSO) - Mountain Ridge HS



Congratulations to Jonathan Okseniuk (violin) for receiving Second Place Laureate at [24th Annual Sphinx Competition](#) Junior Division.

You can watch the final round performance [HERE](#)

T-Shirt Night!

Our students showed off our new shirts, masks and logo during rehearsals!



Social Media

Instagram Takeovers

On **February 10th Cameron Bertolet** will be taking over the PYSO instagram to share how he goes about his day as a Senior at Desert Mountain High School and how he prepares for rehearsal. Cameron has been applying and auditioning for colleges for the past 5 months and is currently playing bass at PYSO as well as his school's Jazz Band. He has been a member of PYSO for 6 years.



What is an Instagram Takeover?

It's when someone temporarily takes over another account to create and share content.

How can you watch it?

Follow us [@pysorchestras](#) on Instagram and make sure to watch our stories. We will repost them to Facebook stories too.

Can I watch past IG takeovers?

YES! Go to PYSO's IG profile and you will find the past takeovers by Joel Uliassi and Gracie Potter saved in our highlights.

[Follow us on our social media platforms to keep up with the latest news!](#)



Upcoming Performances

Symphony Orchestra Concert* | February 27th - 3 pm
Glendale Amphitheatre

Teacher Appreciation Concert* | February 28th - 3 pm
Glendale Amphitheatre

This special concert recognizes the instrumental music teachers of PYS musicians. Featuring: PYS Percussion Ensemble, Prelude Strings, String Orchestra, Wind Orchestra, Chamber Winds and Philharmonic Orchestra.

(*Live Streams will be available for both concerts)

Tax Season

Tax season is fast approaching and we want to remind our supporters that thanks to the 2020 CARES act, you can deduct your cash contribution to PYSO and any other non-profit organization up to \$300 even if you elect to take the standard deduction on your tax form. **This is new for the 2020 taxyear, so make sure you take advantage of it.**

Looking forward, the CARES act extends through 2021 and actually doubles that amount for \$600 for those filing jointly. **This means your cash contributions to PYSO in 2021 can also be deducted from your taxes up to \$600.**

We appreciate the generosity you showed us in 2020 and look forward to a continued and prosperous partnership in 2021!

[Click here to learn more](#)

Alumni Association

We are excited to share with you the launching of our first ever Alumni Association! If you are an alumni, join our network by filling out the form below and keep in touch with your fellow musicians. You are welcome to invite any other alumni that you know to be a part of our Association!

[JOIN OUR NETWORK](#)

We want to hear from you!

- Email us your favorite PYSO/PSG Memory! We would love to know what you enjoyed the most about your time with us.

- Want to be featured on our social media?

- Do you have exciting news to share?

Write to alumni@pysorchestras.org

[Facebook Alumni Group](#)

[Click here to make your gift today!](#)

