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**YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHORUS OF NEW YORK CITY™ ANNOUNCES ITS SECOND
NATIONAL AFFILIATE**

Young People's Chorus at Thurnauer in Tenafly, NJ, Launches in January 2010

The Young People's Chorus of New York City™ continues its expansion beyond New York City's borders with the establishment of its second national affiliate—the Young People's Chorus at Thurnauer. In collaboration with the Young People's Chorus of New York City™, Tenafly's JCC Thurnauer School of Music, which shares the YPC mission of serving children of all religious, ethnic, and economic backgrounds, is establishing its first performance-based chorus, based on the YPC model. Under the direction of Emma Bondolo, a dynamic young choral director and music educator, auditions and rehearsals will begin this month in preparation for the new chorus's January debut.

The Young People's Chorus at Thurnauer will hold ongoing auditions for the new chorus beginning October 12 and 19 from 3:45 to 6:30 p.m. at the Thurnauer School. No preparation or choral experience is necessary to audition. To reserve an audition time for October 12, 19, or thereafter, e-mail jguttman@jccotp.org or call 201-408-1462. The Thurnauer School is located at the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, 411 East Clinton Avenue.

Earlier this year YPC established its first national affiliate, the Young People's Chorus of Erie, in residence at The Behrend College of Penn State Erie's School of Humanities and Social Sciences in Erie, Pennsylvania. Under its Artistic Director, Dr Jason Bishop, the chorus has thrived, now serving 100 members in three different divisions—elementary, middle, and high school. This past March the chorus made its New York City debut at St. Paul the Apostle Church with the YPC

Francisco J. Núñez, founder and artistic director of the Young People's Chorus of New York City™ is honored to share the YPC's choral program with both of these prestigious organizations and says, "It is our dream to expand the success of the YPC model to young people in other cities to demonstrate the often untapped capabilities of children of all backgrounds."

For more than two decades, the **Young People's Chorus of New York City™** has provided children of diverse abilities and ethnic backgrounds with a unique program of music education and choral performance, while maintaining a model of artistic excellence and harmony that enriches the community. It has become one of today's most celebrated and influential children's choruses, with performances on three continents, recordings across the musical spectrum, and collaborations with many of the most highly regarded performers, and institutions of our time, including Carnegie Hall, The New York Pops, the Stephen Petronio Dance Company, and the Kronos Quartet, among many others. Through its Transient Glory® series of concerts, publications, and CDs, the chorus has commissioned well over 50 new works from composers that include Pulitzer Prize, Oscar, and MacArthur "genius" grant winners

More than 1,100 children participate annually through the YPC's core after-school program, its Satellite program in seven New York City schools, and its national affiliates. The resident chorus of three of New York City's major cultural institutions—the 92nd Street Y, Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center; and WNYC, New York Public Radio—YPC is seen frequently on national television, including appearances on Good Morning America, the Today Show, and PBS-TV's "From the Top at Carnegie Hall" and has been featured in major publications both here and abroad. Season highlights include their Swiss debut with the Geneva Chamber Orchestra and their third trip to Japan for a 15-city tour.

YPC has won five gold medals at World Choir Games in Germany and Austria and top prizes at other international choral competitions in the U.S., Canada, Spain, and the Czech Republic. Other awards and honors include Chorus America's Education Outreach Award and the Chorus America/ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming. YPC was among the first inductees in the WNET/Thirteen Community Hall of Fame and has been recognized for its work with urban at-risk youth by the New York State Assembly, the Mayor of the City of New York, the Manhattan Borough President and as a "national model of artistic excellence and diversity" by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. More information is available from www.ypc.org

As New Jersey's leading community music school and an area cultural resource, the **JCC Thurnauer School of Music**—www.jccotp.org/thurnauer—touches nearly 5000 students and audience members in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area, presenting over thirty concerts annually as well as master classes with renowned artists. The School is a member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts and an integral part of the Kaplen Jewish Community Center on the Palisades. JCC membership is not a requirement for enrollment or financial aid at the Thurnauer School.

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