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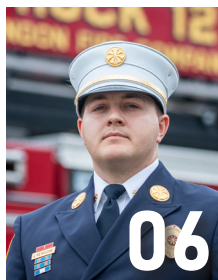
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## Editor's Note

This issue highlights service, resilience, and community spirit across Berks County—from firefighters and postal workers to barbers, musicians, and advocates. Each story reflects the heart of those who give back, inspire others, and keep our neighborhoods strong. Thank you for reading and supporting local journalism that celebrates our shared community.

— Jason Hugg, Editor

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## Kenhorst, Cumru, and West Reading fire police explain their role at emergency scenes



When emergency lights flash across Berks County, firefighters aren't the only volunteers at work. Standing at intersections, setting cones, and directing traffic are members of the fire police — a specialized group dedicated to protecting both first responders and the public.

"Out of the 50 states, there are only 14 that actually have fire police," said Brian Simmon, captain with the Kenhorst Volunteer Fire Company. "Most are on the East Coast, so a lot of people don't really understand what we do."

In Pennsylvania, fire police are sworn in and complete state-approved training that authorizes them to control traffic and secure emergency scenes. Their work allows firefighters, police, and EMS to focus on saving lives while ensuring roads stay safe for everyone else.

"I enjoy helping people and keeping things safe," said Simmon, who has served 25 years in the fire service, including 22 as a fire police officer.

"If traffic isn't controlled, it puts everyone at risk."

The role can be challenging. Volunteers often face frustration from drivers who don't realize why a road is closed. "We'll have people roll down their windows and say they live right down the street," said West Reading Fire Police Lt. Lance Parmar. "But we can't let them through — the road is closed for a reason."

Cumru Township's Glenva Drupp added, "We're out there in the middle of the road, often in the dark or in bad weather. Please slow down and be alert."

Fire police also assist at community events and parades, ensuring families can enjoy the day safely. But like many volunteer services, they need more members.

"This isn't just for retirees," Simmon said. "Younger people can and do serve. If you want to give back, this is a great way to do it."



# Daniel Macrina finds healing and purpose in running to raise funds for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia



Written by: Phyllis J. McLaughlin

Daniel and Vanessa Macrina of Wyomissing welcomed their first child, Aurora, followed a few years later by Sofia — a joyful addition to the family whose arrival brought unexpected challenges.

During Vanessa's pregnancy, doctors noticed something unusual and referred the family to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for further evaluation. Sofia was born under the care of CHOP's skilled staff, who determined she had an extremely rare genetic disorder that affected her in countless ways.

"Sofia had an extremely rare genetic disorder, 16P 14Q, which causes severe disabilities," Daniel explained. "She was not able to swallow and had to be fed through a g-tube, and was also having epileptic seizures. Months after she was born, doctors determined she was immune compromised, there was a hole in her heart, and she had issues with her kidneys and bladder. Sofia was hospitalized frequently for respiratory infections which usually caused an uptick in

her seizure activity and other ailments. As she grew, we learned that she was non-verbal and unable to walk. Every system was compromised."

CHOP quickly became a place of support and refuge for the family. "From the time she was born, everyone at CHOP felt like family to us," Daniel said. "Every time we were at the hospital, we felt like she was the most important thing to them. In this situation, nothing in the world matters but the health and safety of your child. The Child Life Department made sure that Aurora understood what was happening on her sister's medical journey. They played games with her and made her comfortable with her sister's complex needs."

Sofia passed away on June 25, 2024, at the age of eight, surrounded by her parents, sister, and many loving caregivers. CHOP had truly become a second home to the Macrinas. Sofia took nine to ten trips by helicopter to Philadelphia, and 70 or 80 by ambulance. "Some of our best holidays were spent in the hospital,"

Daniel said. "One of the best Christmas-es our family had was in the hospital. My niece and her husband got us a suite in a nearby hotel so we could rest and still be close to Sofia. We ordered room service for Aurora which was beyond exciting for her because it was something she never experienced and allowed things to be 'normal' for a little while. I also have to mention that my employer, New Castle Lawn and Landscape, was extremely understanding and supportive through this entire journey."

Daniel began running in 2023, during a period when Sofia spent more time in the hospital than at home. The routine helped him manage stress and find peace. "In 2024, when Sofia was in the hospital, I spoke to David, a spiritual leader who would talk to me about the things I was dealing with," he said. "David is a former runner, so we talked a lot about running, and he encouraged me to continue. The running helped reduce the stress, gave me another purpose, and an opportunity to get away. The nurses and staff at CHOP would encourage me to take a run while spending time at the hospital and it really helped."

Even after Sofia's passing, running remained a way for Daniel to feel connected to her. "We believe in how cardinals represent loved ones who have passed. I see a cardinal every time I run through the museum grounds, and it is always in the same spot; it flies in front of me," he said.

To honor Sofia's memory and raise funds for CHOP, Daniel was selected as a charity runner for the 2025 TCS Sydney

Marathon in Australia. "A typical marathon race is for the everyday runner with no outside objective; you train, register, pay, and run the race," Daniel said. "Then there are races like Chicago and Boston where you have to qualify and be accepted. Every major marathon gives out charity bibs linked to registration. CHOP receives such bibs and determines who receives them through an application process."

"I ran in the Broad Street Run last year as a charity runner. This year I applied for one of five charity bibs for the Sydney Marathon. I was selected, and one of the requirements for the bib was to raise \$3,000 which allowed me to be fully guaranteed to run the marathon. I trained off-season to keep myself fit and then started a training program 16 weeks out. I run four times per week and log 3 to 20 miles per run, depending on where I am in my training regimen."

Daniel said the marathon gives him purpose and a way to channel his grief into something meaningful. "I hope to make raising money for CHOP a yearly tradition," he said. "We fell in love with the people there and their mission. It fills the huge void in my life left by the loss of Sofia. I want to maintain my physical and mental health and support an organization I genuinely believe in — in memory of Sofia."

Daniel and Vanessa live in Wyomissing with their daughter Aurora. Daniel continues to work as a senior account executive for New Castle Lawn and Landscape, and Vanessa teaches at Wyomissing Hills Elementary School.

# Jesiah Newsome: A firefighter's dedication to duty and community

FIRST RESPONDERS

For many, firefighting is a profession. For Jesiah Newsome, it's a calling. At just 28, Newsome has built an impressive career as both a career firefighter and a dedicated volunteer. As Deputy Chief of the Blandon Fire Company and Engine 3 driver for the City of Reading Fire Department, his impact on Berks County's fire service is unmistakable.

Born in California and raised in Oregon, Newsome knew early on he wanted to be a firefighter. "I remember being a little kid on a bike, carrying a walkie-talkie around, thinking I was a firefighter," he recalls. At 16, the youngest age allowed in Oregon, he submitted his first volunteer application — a decision that launched a lifelong path of service. In 2016, that path brought him to Pennsylvania, where he joined Blandon Fire Company before earning a position with the Reading Fire Department.

Among his many calls, one moment stands out. "In the city, there was a working structure fire in a laundromat with apartments above. I was assigned to search and found a guy on the floor, semi-conscious but not alert," he said. "With help from another firefighter, we pulled him out, and he ended up living. Knowing you made an impact on someone's life like that — that's the greatest feeling."

Firefighting is more than battling flames. From medical emergencies to hazardous material spills, the work is relentless. "Lots of memorable calls," Newsome reflects, "and some you wish you could forget. But I love what I do every day." Working full-time in Reading while serv-

ing as Deputy Chief in Blandon requires constant balance. "As a volunteer, it's important to provide the same level of service as a paid firefighter because everyone deserves the best firefighter showing up at their house," he said.

That standard comes with long hours of training, fundraising, and responding to emergencies — often without pay. In 2023 alone, Blandon Fire Company handled nearly 950 calls, averaging multiple per day. "You never know when they're coming, so you have to have a crew around 24/7, and they have to be trained to the highest level possible."

As a training officer, Newsome ensures firefighters stay certified and prepared. "You have to plan classes, reserve sites, get people signed up — it's a lot of planning, but it's necessary to keep our people ready."

His dedication is supported by those closest to him. "I live with my girlfriend, and she's involved in emergency services too, which makes things easier because she understands the demands." Beyond technical skill, Newsome believes firefighting teaches lessons that extend far beyond the station. "You meet people from all kinds of backgrounds — plumbers, electricians, all kinds of professionals. It's a great way to learn responsibility and discipline."

At Blandon, he instills that mindset in younger volunteers. "If I can't trust you to take out the trash, I can't trust you on a fire scene where lives are at stake," he said.

Seeing tragedy up close has also given him perspective. "You always hear about accidents happening, but when you see it firsthand — the people who thought it would never happen to them — it changes how you see life."

A certified state and academy instructor, Newsome is passionate about mentoring new recruits. "It takes a special person to be an instructor," he said. "You have to push recruits to their limits but also show them that you care. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care — that's true in firefighting."

Each year, he helps train new EMTs and firefighters for the City of Reading. "There's a big difference between what's in the book and how it's done on the street," he said. "We have to prepare them for both."

Newsome believes public education and community understanding are critical for volunteer departments. "We need to do a better job of explaining what's involved, how much things cost, and how much time volunteers put in," he said. "Once they understand, I think most people would be supportive." Blandon maintains strong ties with its township, but challenges remain in recruitment and funding. "It's harder now to get people involved, but we have to keep working to bring in the next generation."

Looking ahead, Newsome hopes to keep advancing in his career and continue mentoring others. "Eventually, I'd like to be promoted and help shape the next generation of firefighters. I had a lot of people help me along the way, and I want to give that back."



When not at the station, Newsome enjoys traveling with his girlfriend, visiting family across the country, and exploring national parks. "It forces me to take a real break," he admits. "If I'm home and something big happens at the firehouse, I'm still involved. But when I'm 3,000 miles away, I have to unplug."

He's also a fan of mountain biking, welding — his former trade — and, of course, pizza. "I'll never turn down pizza," he laughs, though he insists West Coast pizza is superior. "I know I'll get chastised for saying that, but I grew up on it!"

From a teenager with a walkie-talkie to a leader in Berks County's fire service, Jesiah Newsome's journey reflects his dedication to helping others. Whether responding to emergencies, training recruits, or advocating for volunteers, his work leaves a lasting mark on the community.

"I just want to make sure my people are taken care of," he said. "That's what matters most."



Virgen Rubero has spent a great portion of her adult life caring for others. First, as a mother of four children, and later, starting at the age of 35, as a daughter who became caretaker in her home for her bedridden mother for 24 years.

"I was brought up to honor my father and mother and that was what I was supposed to do." She later lost her husband who, after suffering several strokes and epileptic seizures, passed away in only four months. "I lost my mother and my husband within nine months of one another, and I moved from West Lawn to Blandon which was very difficult for me."

After her heartbreaking losses, and to help fill the void that had opened in her life, Virgen sought meaning and purpose in a job. "I had a passion to help the elderly, and I was trying to get something working with seniors when a position opened up with the Hispanic Center for children and youth. I worked for two years helping families to keep children in their homes until another position opened with the senior center which I applied for."

October 4, 2025 will mark 25 years that Virgen, known to everyone as Jeannie, has worked with the Hispanic Center, where she serves as Senior Center Director, and Director of Operations for Mama Angie's Casa De La Amistad Senior Center for the Elderly.

"My job is my second home!" says Jeannie with much enthusiasm. "I am usually there by 5a.m.; my job is a lot of hours!" At this point in the interview, Jeannie's passion for her work became evident. "I'm involved with everything! Health and nutrition classes, fitness



## At Centro Hispano, Pastor Jeannie turns compassion into community impact

*Written by: Phyllis J. McLaughlin*

classes, ESL classes and support groups, social and recreational activities, arts and crafts. We have social workers who help with whatever they need. It is a safe haven where the seniors in our community come together to learn and to socialize and receive support and encouragement. We have fun hosting dances, and celebrating birthdays. We also serve approximately 4,000 meals per day at our Hispanic Center Kitchen, between seniors and youth in Berks County."

In addition to her work with Centro Hispano, Jeannie relies on her steadfast faith and her role as a

minister of that faith to extend her reach and help heal those who have suffered abuse of any kind. "I was pastoring at The House of God, Gate of Heaven church until my husband passed away. I was going through my own healing from the loss of my husband and my mom. I was waiting on the Lord to help me start the Church again. He gave me a new name which is Jesus' Home of Healing and Restoration. Three Sundays a month we help people who have gone through abuse. I believe that God has used me to help those who are suffering. Only God keeps me going; the love he gives us is the love we should give to one another.

I want to show God's people God's love. It is my mission, my passion, and my calling. I want to let them know that they are not alone."

Jeannie's undying work through her position, and the time she volunteers within the community recently garnered the attention of the National AARP organization, who honored her with the Community Heroes Award.

This award recognizes individuals who are working tirelessly and making a significant contribution through their volunteer work and honors those who dedicate their time and talent to enriching the lives of others, while reflecting AARP's vision and purpose. Readers can view the AARP video featuring Jeannie on the Centro Hispano website.

Jeannie's total devotion to what she considers her "dream job", which offers an unending source of opportunities for her to help others, inspires and motivates her each and every day.

"It's just rewarding, seeing so many happy faces, seeing everyone being happy. I believe we really have an impact on the community. We have registered over 600 seniors so far this year, and that's just by word of mouth.

I love Reading and the bi-cultural community. Everyone I've met in the over 30 years that I've been here is friendly and everyone gets along with the community we serve. I love what I do. I'm so inspired!"

To learn more about activities for seniors sponsored by Centro Hispano.org or to become a volunteer, visit [www.centrohispano.org](http://www.centrohispano.org) or contact Jeannie directly at [vrubero@centrohispano.org](mailto:vrubero@centrohispano.org)



# Passing the razor, Berks Barber School continues the legacy of Charlie Haynes in Reading



Near the corner of Schuylkill Avenue and West Buttonwood, a small building carries decades of quiet significance in Reading's history. Inside, the hum of clippers and rhythm of conversation speaks to more than just haircuts—it echoes the legacy of a local pioneer and the enduring power of mentorship.

Berks Barber School, now officially re-opened under the leadership of Samuel De la Cruz, is much more than a training ground for future barbers. It's the continuation of a tradition rooted in opportunity, resilience, and service—one that began under the steady hands and sharp eye of Charlie G. Haynes more than three decades ago.

Charlie Haynes began teaching barbering at a time when few formal pathways existed for young men—especially minority men—seeking a career in the trade. By 1989, he opened his own school, determined to give others the

kind of mentorship he himself once had to forge alone.

For many, it was more than a place to learn the 14 steps of a proper shave or master the mechanics of a fade. It was a place of transformation. Young adults found not only skills, but structure. "It wasn't just a license," said Mayor Eddie Morán at the school's recent grand re-opening. "It was a passion instilled to make a difference in the community."

One of those students was Samuel De la Cruz.

In 1999, a 21-year-old De la Cruz walked through the doors of Charlie G. Haynes Barber School with a dream that had taken root more than a decade earlier. He had moved from Passaic, New Jersey to Reading as a teen, and not long after, found a set of clippers in a moving box—his first tool of the trade. With his younger brother as a willing test subject

and a growing list of friends seeking \$5 cuts, his passion became practice.

Haynes saw something in the young man and accepted him into the program. De la Cruz earned his license that same year and went on to open Double Platinum Barber Shop in 2001. But the pull to teach and give back proved strong.

"I always stayed in touch with Mr. Haynes," said De la Cruz. "I believe that's why, when he was ready to retire, he reached out to me to continue on."

In 2023, De la Cruz purchased the building and reopened the school under a new name—Berks Barber School—but with a mission rooted deeply in the past.

Today, the school is fully operational, with instructors, active enrollment, and its first class of graduates already licensed. It's also a space designed with intention: clippers buzz alongside quiet lessons in responsibility, respect, and self-worth.

"We talk about safety first—of yourself and of your clients," De la Cruz said.



"And we teach the golden rule. Treat others the way you'd want to be treated."

As for Haynes, now 90, he remains an honored figure—still present at milestones and still witnessing the ripple effect of the institution he built.

"I give it up to God first," he told the crowd gathered for the ceremony. "We had people from all over come here to learn. It was about giving people a chance."

The reopening of Berks Barber School is as much about the future as it is about the past. For De la Cruz, legacy means honoring those who paved the way while creating new lanes for others to follow.

"Mr. Haynes showed us what's possible," he said. "As a minority, you can own a school. You can lead. You can give back."

And that is exactly what's happening inside 432 Schuylkill Avenue every day: young people learning a craft, building a life, and carrying forward a legacy—one haircut at a time.



# "You just never know": Hamburg postal worker shares journey, resilience after dog attack on her route



For Amanda Salen, working for the U.S. Postal Service wasn't always part of the plan. But it's quickly become more than just a job — it's a calling that's taken her from delivery routes to clerical roles, through career changes, and even into harm's way.

Salen, a Part-Time Flexible (PTF) Clerk with the Pine Grove Post Office, often travels to nearby towns to help staff other locations, like the Hamburg Post Office, where she recently reflected on her career and the unexpected experience that tested her resolve.

Originally trained as a certified nursing assistant, Salen spent 13 years in healthcare before pivoting careers. "I was sitting on my front porch and saw the mail carrier go by," she said.

"And I just knew — that's what I wanted to do."

She began her postal career in January 2021 as a city carrier and quickly grew to love the work. "If you can get through the first three to six months, you're golden," she said with a smile. "It's demanding — physically and mentally — but incredibly rewarding."

That sense of fulfillment was tested on October 11, 2024, when Salen was attacked by a dog while delivering mail.

It started as a typical day. Her mailbag was overfilled with political flyers — common during election season — as she walked her route and stepped up to deliver mail inside a foyer shared by two apartments. One of the interior doors was slightly

ajar, but nothing seemed out of the ordinary.

"I came off the porch, and I heard trotting behind me," she said. "I turned and saw the dog. I said, 'Hey, boy' — I'm a dog lover, I have two pit bulls myself. But then I got the vibe. He wasn't going away."

What followed was a blur. "He lunged for me. I tried to guard myself with my bag, but I had to put my leg down, and that's when he bit me," she said. "I didn't panic, but it was intense. I couldn't even reach for my dog spray."

Salen was eventually rescued by a woman passing by who tackled the dog, and another person nearby with medical training applied a tourniquet until paramedics arrived. The injury was serious, leaving multiple deep wounds on her leg that required more than 20 stitches and weeks of recovery.

Despite the trauma, Salen was determined to return to work.

"I still love going out on the route," she said. "It didn't stop me — it actually made me want to come back. I didn't want that to be the end of my story here."

She now works primarily inside the post office, helping as a clerk, but still takes on delivery routes when needed.

Her outlook remains grounded, and she credits her fellow postal workers and supervisors for their support.

"They were there for me the whole time," she said.

The attack on Salen highlights a growing concern across the country. According to the Postal Service, dog attacks on carriers are on the rise, with some of the highest numbers in recent years. As part of National Dog Bite Awareness initiatives, post offices across the country are reminding the public to take precautions — especially during summer months when children are home and pets may be more active.

"Informed Delivery is a great tool," Salen said, referencing the USPS's free daily email service that previews incoming mail. "It lets you know when something's coming so you don't accidentally let your dog out while a carrier's on the way back with a package."

She also emphasized the importance of securing gates, supervising children, and simply staying aware. "Even friendly dogs can be unpredictable. That dog that bit me had never shown signs before."

Despite the challenges, Salen remains committed to her future with the Postal Service and hopes to continue advancing her career. "I'd still go out and carry any day," she said. "It's been my favorite part of the job."

Her advice to others — whether postal workers or members of the public — is simple: "Be cautious, be prepared, and don't take any situation for granted. Every day on the route is different."

# On a mission to end child trafficking, Detective Kevin Quinter leads with heart



**Written by: Phyllis J. McLaughlin**

When Detective Sergeant Kevin Quinter entered into a career in law enforcement with the Wyomissing Police Department in 2008 he was a husband and father of three young children. Law enforcement provided an opportunity to make a secure living in order to support his family while protecting and serving in the community he called home. Seventeen years later, he is devoting his time cultivating what he considers to be a life mission - preventing and eradicating child trafficking.

At what point in your career did this effort begin? "I think that I have to go back to 2010-2011 when a mother reached out to me. Her daughter was involved with a guy who had her believing he cared about her while he had her meet with men to have sex in hotels and got her hooked-on drugs. I spent two days trying to set a fake

date to help rescue the daughter and get her back to her family. It was shocking to see what was going on right in my community and I felt that I would be able to make a difference and rescue these young women."

In 2017 Sergeant Quinter became a detective task force officer with Homeland Security Investigations. Being cross sworn federally allowed him to expand his jurisdiction to help fight crime more effectively."

After becoming a detective, I worked with a similar situation where a woman was being held captive, mentally abused and forced to accept dates and money. I got involved and thought to myself, 'Is this really going on? This could happen to any young person, and feel I can actually do something about it and make a difference.'

A lot of young people and adult women, boys and girls are pulled into these situations. I became involved with the Berks County Human Trafficking Task Force where I met Brad Ortenzi, ZOE International Eastern USA Regional Director. It was after this meeting that the issue of child trafficking really blossomed into a life's work outside of my job."

Kevin's passion outside of work and his family is cycling. "When Brad came to Berks Human Trafficking, he mentioned the Race Across America from the west to the east coast, held to raise funds and awareness for the campaign against child trafficking.

Discovering that we had this common interest and an opportunity to participate in this type of race, which is at the pinnacle for a cycling enthusiast, I was awestruck! Anytime you can use a hobby and take something you are already doing and using it to do good, it is a blessing."

The funds raised through the Race Across America go directly to on-the-ground efforts by ZOE International to fight human trafficking. The cross-country race is grueling, and not for the faint of heart. "We are warriors on the ground, riding for something more than ourselves. We have names of kids who have been victims written on our arms. These kids have gone through so much; a reminder to us that we can endure a little discomfort for them."

Our interview was held a day after Kevin returned home from this year's bike ride in the third week of June. "The race never stops. It started on Saturday at 3pm and went on until Friday at 5pm. We do live media interviews on the way to explain what we are riding for. We have people who handle the media and social media,

so the awareness is live streamed, and it garners a lot of attention. The race is held on the same days every year, and the towns know that the racers are coming through. It is a big deal for small rural towns. I believe that the impact of the live stream this year really was very effective because people followed it throughout the race. It was a very valuable tool for raising awareness. We won the race a day ahead of the second-place team who were less experienced with the terrain of the race. How would you encourage people to get involved?

"Not everyone can be on the front lines. I am lucky enough to know people who are passionate about opening doors for the training provided and funded by Zoe on the issue of child trafficking. We ask the public to be an extra set of eyes, and to also pray for the workers involved in this line of work. It is hard to be involved with. Start with your family and create an awareness about the dangers out there."

Sergeant Quinter also participates in a Law Enforcement United cycling event held May 10th-12th each year. He is the PA Chapter President of this organization which raises funds and supports families of fallen officers. "It is an organization that is near and dear to my heart. I began riding in 2016. There are five divisions that start from different areas and converge in Washington DC to honor officers killed in the line of duty."

For more information on education programs for schools and organizations about the awareness and prevention of human trafficking visit ZOE International Eastern USA [gozoe.org](http://gozoe.org). To support the families of fallen law enforcement officers visit Law Enforcement United – Pennsylvania – [leunited.org](http://leunited.org).



# Farrenc, Mozart, and Handel shine in Berks Sinfonietta's "Music in C"

PERFORMING ARTS



At Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing, Berks Sinfonietta recently presented *Music in C*, a program exploring the expressive possibilities of C major and minor through works by Handel, Mozart, and the long-overlooked French composer Louise Farrenc.

The church's acoustics provided a warm and resonant backdrop for the ensemble's blend of strings and winds, creating a connection between musicians and audience that felt both intimate and expansive. The performance demonstrated Berks Sinfonietta's hallmark combination of precision, collaboration, and community spirit.

The concert opened with Handel's *Concerto Grosso in C Major*, led by Jennifer Sternick, which set a festive tone with regal flourishes and lyrical passages. Guest conductor Dr. Rick Barrantes Agüero then guided the orchestra through Mozart's *Symphony No. 28 in C Major*, a bright and rhythmically playful work filled with youthful charm and elegance.

After intermission, Artistic Director Dr. David A. McConnell conducted Farrenc's *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor*. Bold and richly textured, the piece revealed the composer's confident voice, blending classical form with Romantic depth. Its lyrical slow movement and vigorous finale offered both discovery and delight for listeners.

Reflecting on the ensemble's camaraderie, violinist and board member Thuy Nguyen said, "It's always like meeting with old friends and making music. It's really nice to see all of our hard work throughout the week come to fruition and to share our love for music with our community."

Through thoughtful programming and high-caliber performances, Berks Sinfonietta continues to connect local audiences with timeless masterworks and rediscovered gems.

To view the ensemble's latest concert schedule and upcoming performances, visit [berkssinfonietta.org](http://berkssinfonietta.org).