



## UP WITH PEOPLE RETURNS TO RIO DE JANEIRO

Up with People returns to Brazil twenty years after participating in the 1992 Earth Summit. This summer Up with People will be participating at the same event, now called 'Rio+20', the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

Approximately 50 alumni from A10 to A12 will make up the Up with People Rio cast. The cast will be in Rio de Janeiro, called 'Cidade Maravilhosa', or 'Marvelous City', from June 12th to June 25th.



Among several activities, Up with People will put on an event, called 'World Youth in Action', approved by the Rio+20 UN Secretariat. 'World Youth in Action' is an opportunity to gather in one venue the inspiring efforts currently being made by and for youth that will impact the future of young people around the world and their relationships with other segments of society. 'World Youth in Action' will be part of a special segment of the event called 'Dialogues on Sustainable Development', organized by the Brazilian Government.

The event will be facilitated by the Up with People cast and will work as a forum for sharing ideas and experiences about best sustainable practices around the world that will contribute to the future we want. Up with People will also put on a musical performance as a way to encourage the audience to

engage in the topics being presented, while also providing an enjoyable environment and a break from other events at Rio+20.

Since 2009, Up with People has successfully put on similar youth events in Taiwan, the Philippines, Mexico, Czech Republic, Sweden and the United States. We are looking forward to having the 'World Youth in Action' organized in Brazil for the first time during Rio+20.

### Community Impact Activities

In Up with People, our international volunteer projects are diverse and vary based on the needs of the community or country. As we partner with local organizations for hands-on service learning projects that make a real difference in the areas we are visiting, we realize there is no better place to serve in Rio than in one of the recently conquered slums (favelas). These favelas are good environments for UWP to give and to learn.

To go along with the community service, we're also planning to perform a special version of our show 'A Song for the World' in one of the slums in Rio.

Lastly, we are looking forward to joining different events during Rio+20 that will encourage, inspire, educate and create a positive environment for a sustainable and better world.

For more information on the Rio 2012 Cast as well as to donate or partner with this special Up with People project, please email Luis Petzhold, Director General for Asia and Developing Markets at [lpetzhold@upwithpeople.org](mailto:lpetzhold@upwithpeople.org). Obrigado!

## UP WITH PEOPLE BENEFITS FROM GALA ON MAY 12th

What do the numbers 3, 370, 30 and 100,000 have in common?

On May 12, friends and supporters of Up with People came together at the Denver Marriott City Center for a fundraising event for Up with People's Global Scholarship Fund. The evening was energetic, emotional, inspirational, and future-focused.

The international cast of 30, some of whom were flown in from the cast touring in Finland, inspired the audience of 370 to 3 standing ovations during the evening, resulting in over \$100,000 raised!

The cast debuted several songs from the new show, Voices, scheduled to hit the road this August with cast B 2012. In addition to the three new original numbers, the show featured a new pop medley of hits from the "radio generation" (60's - 70's). The new show will also feature pop medleys from the "video generation" (80's) and "digital generation" (90's - today).

The audience stood and cheered at the end of a new original UWP song focused on the topic of bullying called "Stand Up Now", submitted by UWP alumnus and songwriter Mario Romero (E94). Additionally, two new collaborations with the UWP writing team and alumnus and board member Angel Cortes (C81) and his 62 Music Group production studio: "Rise Up" and "Party 'round the World" were huge hits and set the tone for a show that promises to inform, illuminate, and inspire audiences around the world.

We look forward to similar events in the future, as we gear up to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Up with People, and look forward to the next 50 years!

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**Up with People**

Up with people brings together 100 participants from more than 20 countries for a multi-continent tour immersing them in the local customs and culture of each community. Cast members travel for one or two semesters beginning in January and July of every year, participating in various community service projects, performing a dynamic musical show and experiencing a global education curriculum.



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## Who do you know?

UWP alumni can award unlimited Golden Passports each year to students they actively recruit to travel with UWP. However, each future student can only receive one Golden Passport scholarship toward his/her program fee. All students can apply for additional scholarships through the General Scholarship Fund.

[Click here for more information on Up with People scholarships.](#)

## CAST A 2012 EUROPEAN TOUR WRAP-UP

By Shelsea Ochoa, Education Manager

The Up With People cast has survived our European tour, and we leave asking a common Up With People question: is it possible that we have impacted the world away as much as the world has impacted us?

We have had an amazing European tour. We began the trip traveling to three cities in Belgium (Hasselt, Vise and Gistel), to Naestved, Denmark, over to Oslo, Norway, to Stockholm and



Nakoi from Japan doing Japanese Calligraphy with local students from Oslo, Norway.

Eskilstuna in Sweden, and the European tour ended with two cities in southern Finland, Senijoki and Kouvala. Nine host families and five countries later, we are looking back at a busy tour with many fond memories.

The tour this semester was marked by a distinct focus on cultural integration. The cast went into schools in many cities and worked with local students of all ages. We have some very well developed, fresh workshops this semester, and it has been so exciting to bring the topic of integration to the attention of the students of the communities that we visited. Possibly for the first time, our cast created an environment for the local students to be able to speak about the elephant in the room: the cultural differences that are present in European Classrooms and that nobody seemed to discuss.

Within the cast, we have spent hours working with the topic of integration, and discussing the relationship of a minority culture to the majority culture before we were ready to bring our workshops to the schools. This semester, more than ever before, our cast will leave the tour as true global citizens, having taken the time to think about how cultures clash us, our fellow citizens, and the communities we live in.

From Hasselt to Kouvala, each of us has had so many unique experiences that can only be had in Up with People in Eu-

rope. Personally, I have had such a wide variety of experiences. I had the chance to go into a real Finish sauna with my host family, and ate moose in Sweden. I discussed the politics behind the Nobel Peace Prize with my Norwegian host family and I heard stories about my host grandfather's experience in World War II. I have slept in an Abby with nuns in Gistel, and I have had my head wrapped in a turban by a Sikh two weeks later.

Our cast has earned every bead of sweat that has dripped from our brows in each show, every yawn, and every smile that we have evoked on the faces of others who see us doing well in the world. Still we leave Europe



Cast A performing a mini show in Hasselt, Belgium.

feeling so full of energy. And although we have been working hard and undergone so many challenges, looking back it seems that for every ounce of energy that we have given, we have received more.

We will never forget this past tour in Europe, and how it has felt to get to know the cultures we have visited. All

the wonderful people the cast has met, and the beautiful mark that we have been able to leave in each community, have been immensely more rewarding than any vacation could ever be. Although we have slept little and worked much, we are leaving Europe feeling that we have received more than we have given.



Cast A in Eskilstuna with the sponsors, beneficiary and Eskilstuna Mayor!

## CAMP UP WITH PEOPLE GEARING UP FOR ITS SECOND YEAR!

By Tim Lane, Camp UWP Director

Just a few more weeks before Camp UWP begins!!! We have campers from 12 countries signed up so far: Bahamas, Belgium, Canada, France, Ivory Coast, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and USA. And hope to have some more by the time Camp starts. We have two sessions: July 1-21, and July 22-August 11.

We are extending our age range this summer, so the camp will be for those aged 13 to 17. We're finding that just like in UWP, age is relative, though most high school/gymnasium kids don't know that yet....but will learn this, and many more things, at camp!

We've decided to extend our stay in Washington, DC to two nights, as campers from last summer and host families wanted to have more time together. We're planning on having a potluck and sing a few songs from our show. If this doesn't sound like UWP...I don't know what does!!

Wait....I know what else does....we're also planning on going to some nursing homes and senior centers this summer, and interacting with the folks there and singing some songs for them too.

One of the highlights for the campers last summer was our trip to West Virginia where we'll again go zip-lining and rock climbing at the Nelson Rock Outdoor Center (one of our sister companies) and stay in cabins. It's open all year round for individuals and groups to experience so check it out – [www.NelsonRocksOutdoorCenter.com](http://www.NelsonRocksOutdoorCenter.com). Our sister camp, Camp Horizons [www.CampHorizonsVA.com](http://www.CampHorizonsVA.com) and our Retreat Center [www.mountainvalleyva.com](http://www.mountainvalleyva.com) are also open all year round and are also great places to have a cast mini-reunion!

At Camp UWP, we'll be changing the show up a little bit from last summer, keeping some of the camper's favorites and adding some new (new to the campers) material. We'd love to have you attend our shows at the end of each session. They will be at a local high school in Harrisonburg, VA on July 20th and August 10th. If you plan on attending, directions can be found on the school's website: [www.EMHS.net](http://www.EMHS.net)

We're currently planning on having Walter Belcher help us out this summer, which will bring a whole new flavor to the camper experience. Walter worked for UWP for many years as a Vocal Coach, Show and Production Manager. He's currently a professional singer/actor and teaches voice.

Lynne Morris and Humberto Alabado are also slated to help out among others that we're still hoping will grace us with their talents.

It's going to be a GREAT summer, so please send your kids and recommend us to your friends. You can find all the information you'll need on our new website: [www.CampUpwithPeople.org](http://www.CampUpwithPeople.org) and if you're on Facebook....please "Like" us and "Share" it with your friends. If you have any questions, please contact me at: [Tim.Lane@CampUpwithPeople.org](mailto:Tim.Lane@CampUpwithPeople.org).




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## FORMER UWP INTERN PUTS ON A SPECIAL SHOW FOR UP WITH PEOPLE

By Collin Kelly

My name is Collin Kelly and I'm a senior in high school. After working with Up with People this past summer, I was inspired. UWP's message of unity through music and service was so uplifting that I could not contain it myself. At the end of the summer, I called my best friend Charnice Charmant and told her about this organization: students from around the world that come together to put on a show and perform around the world while providing community service and gaining leadership experience. I simply asked her, "why can't we do the same thing?"

Our school sits in the mountains of Northern Georgia and has a tiny population of only 400 students. However, there are more countries represented at our school than I can count on one hand. Suddenly this vision in my head was clear: we could create our own show to support UWP both with a monetary donation and living out the UWP message.

For the past year, Charnice and I have been preparing a concert to be presented to our family and friends, school, and the outside community on Friday May 18th. Sharing the UWP message at my school means sharing it with China,



Collin Kelly with friend rehearsing for the show.

Germany, Spain, Washington State, and every other place my friends call home. We have incorporated dancing, singing, and acting in the performance with songs that represent brotherhood, imagination, and the ability to make a difference in the world. Many high school students feel that their opinion is unrecognized, but this concert can help prove that we

have a voice and that we are the future for this world. If we can share a positive message and prove that people can come together under a communal goal to make a difference, then our future is bright.

I know this show will be a success because we have worked extremely hard to put it together along with doing school work, sports, musicals, and every other school activity that we have. When you work hard for something you believe in, there truly is nothing that will stop you from completing it.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KELLI ARTHUR



**Name:** Kelli Arthur  
**Country:** USA  
**Cast:** A 2012  
**Age:** 20



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### How did you first hear about Up with People and what first appealed to you about the program?

I knew I always wanted to travel with Up with People. My mom traveled in 1975 & 1976 and I always remember my mom talking about her experiences. I remember going to the Rose Bowl Parade rehearsal and meeting all of my mom's friends she had met during her travels.

### What made you decide to travel with Up with People?

I applied as soon as I got into college. I am going through a very rigorous program to become a veterinarian and I knew I was going to need a break from school to keep me focused. I felt that Up with People was the perfect break because it would help me focus on my personal growth, help me work on my community which I care so deeply about which would help me academically when I return to school.

### As you prepared for the program, what were you most excited or nervous about?

I was most excited about meeting my fellow cast members. I had waited for a year for the program to start so there was a lot of built up anticipation. I knew traveling would be a big adjustment for me like college was but it has been easier than

I thought. I am really enjoying my time here.

### What goals do you have for yourself during your time with Up with People?

My goal while here is to learn how to adjust better to different situations and to be more flexible. I also

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want to use this time to learn to be open to new experiences and new and different people.



Kelly Arthur and her friends from Cast A 2012.

# Want to bring Up with People to your area?

## Plans for future tours are...

### Fall 2012

*(Tour schedules are tentative and subject to change)*

USA (New England): August - September

Asia: September - October

Mexico: November - December

### Spring 2013

*(Tour schedules are tentative and subject to change)*

USA (Florida & South East): February - March

Europe (Benelux, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland): March - April

Mexico: May - June



For more information on how to bring the cast to these regions please contact Paul Whitaker, VP of Tours and Student Experience at [pwhitaker@upwithpeople.org](mailto:pwhitaker@upwithpeople.org).

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Further info on the Mexico tour contact Armando Gonzalez at [agonzalez@upwithpeople.org](mailto:agonzalez@upwithpeople.org).

For up to date information on the current tour visit our website at [www.upwithpeople.org](http://www.upwithpeople.org)!

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