

CAST B 2016'S
[TOUR SCHEDULE](#)

Espoo, Finland
November 14-20

Jyväskylä, Finland
November 21-27

Tallinn, Estonia
November 28-December 5

CAST A 2017'S
[TOUR SCHEDULE](#)

Denver Metro Area
February 27-March 5

Southwest United States
March 6-12

Tucson, AZ
March 13-20

Orange County, CA
March 20-26

Coachella Valley, CA
March 27-April 2

Southwest United States
April 3-9

Southwest United States
April 10-16

Houston, TX
April 17-23

Leiden, The Netherlands
April 24-30

Europe
May 1-7

Genk, Belgium
May 8-14

Geneva, Switzerland
May 15-21

Basel, Switzerland
May 22-28

Bulach, Switzerland
May 29-June 4

Europe
June 5-11

*Tour schedule is
subject to change.*

MEET YUKA SHIMABAYASHI

Get to know a member of Cast B 2016!

How did you hear about UWP?

When I joined Common Beat in Japan, two Up with People (UWP) alumni came and explained the program and performed some workshops for us.

What aspects of your culture are you sharing with Cast B 2016?

I would like to share Japanese songs, food, traditional clothing, anime, and also our culture of behavior. For example, we are very polite to others. If someone does the same thing as me, I hold back. It doesn't mean that I am quiet or negative. It means that I have so much passion in my mind and it is sometimes difficult to portray because of my culture.

How has your host family experience been so far?

Do you have a favorite host family experience?

My Grand Junction, Colorado host family—Faith and Kenny—took me to a bar to watch jazz jam sessions. Then, I got to play the piano, conga, and ukulele on stage with the performers!

Do you have any goals you're hoping to accomplish?

I have three goals: to continue to motivate myself and others, to give every cast member a massage, and to find out what I want to do after UWP.

What do you think of the UWP show, *The Journey*?

What is your role in the show?

*As a second semester student, I have performed *The Journey* before. But it doesn't feel like it. Every time we are in a new city with a different audience sharing hope and peace, it feels like the first time. I'm not sure what my exact role is, but I like to think that I spread happiness through dance and smiling.*

Tell us about a favorite community action day.

I like to teach the World Dance classes in schools. I realized this in UWP. Teaching dance is a way to express our feelings.

Tell us about a special Common Beat experience.

I performed Common Beat in East Japan that was damaged by an earthquake five years ago. There was also a 72 year-old cast member in our group. She lived in temporary housing with her dog at the time of the earthquake. We shared a really fun experience even though we are different ages and from different cities. When the earthquake hit, she said she lost motivation for living her life. Then she joined Common Beat. Now she wants to try so many new things. She found hope in her life again.



Do you know someone like Yuka who would be a great participant in a future UWP cast? If so, check out our [student information page](#) or contact a UWP Admissions Counselor at +1 303.215.3208.

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YOU MEET ‘EM WHEREVER YOU GO!

You never know where you'll meet an Up with People person.

In September, UWP had the pleasure of hosting a booth at the International Festivals and Events Association (IFEA) Convention in Tucson, Arizona. The purpose of our attendance was to connect with fairs, festivals, cities, event producers, and vendors across the globe to either introduce them or remind them of UWP and provide the opportunity to bring in a cast to entertain their audiences. Exciting, right? RIGHT! What's even more exciting is that, in true UWP fashion—you really do “meet ‘em wherever you go!” Around every corner of the IFEA Convention, I met former host families, ‘real’ families, and alumni from UWP; from Allan Xenius Grige ('84A) with Copenhagen Arts and Culture to Bruce Erley ('73B) with Creative Strategies Group in Denver to Steven Wood Schmader ('75C), the President and CEO of IFEA. The event was a hit for UWP and we are thrilled to be promoting our brand and providing opportunities for communities across the globe. This is, after all, the very reason that UWP began in the first place: to use the international language of music to bring people together for a common good. If you have an event in your community that could use some UWP flavor, please contact Chelsey Panchot at cpanchot@upwithpeople.org.

GENERATIONAL IMPACT

The mother of a current Cast B 2016 student writes about UWP's impact on today's youth.

As a young child growing up in the 1980s, the world news was saturated with threats of war: war with the USSR, the war on drugs, and the war on a very new disease called AIDS. These were very serious issues for children to face at that time. However, I was blessed to be a part of something that would indeed impact three generations of my family. My aunt was fortunate to travel with UWP for three years during this same time of my life. I was able to follow her to many cities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. At that time, the UWP show gave me hope and fueled my love and respect for culture and history; not just for my own, but also those of other countries. These values aligned with the values of our family including values of community service and the duty to give back and serve others.

When I became a parent, I made sure that my children were taught these values. The stories of his great aunt's experience in UWP and her stories of meeting the Pope, eating different kinds of foods, and the unique adventures she had fueled my son's desire to travel and learn about the world and others in it. My son is probably like your child; a millennial who does not at all fit those represented in the media. He is determined, intelligent, caring, and talented. He is everything that the media does not portray.

Our children are growing up in a world that is very different from ours. Beyond wars, they are bombarded with negative imagery about themselves and others. UWP is needed now more than ever. These young people have the opportunity to influence people's opinions about the youth of today, views about the world, and views about other cultures. I have seen and experienced the power of UWP in families and communities. These youth people mature into adults with a clear vision to impact and change their communities.

I am already witnessing the change in my child in these first few months of his UWP journey. His view of the world and his role in it has expanded. He is maturing and growing. If you are a parent who is wondering if this is something your child should do, **the answer is YES!** Give the UWP experience a chance to impact your family and your child's life.

Micah Cook lives in Denver. Her son, Jelani, is a member of Cast B 2016.

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KIWANIS CLUB OF BILLINGS RAVES ABOUT PARTNERSHIP

Cast B 2016 continues to have a major impact on the Billings, Montana community.

UWP traveled to Billings in 2013 for the first time in 15 years. Just a few short weeks ago, Cast B 2016 returned to the community to build on the success of the previous visit. UWP and its international promotional partner, Kiwanis International (KI), caught up with Hans Abbey, Past President of Billings Kiwanis Club, to hear about this year's experience:

What made your Kiwanis Club decide to help with the UWP tour?

Three years ago, Billings Kiwanis participated with UWP. At the time, we were looking to get a little more visibility. We received much more than we expected. Our membership grew to 50 members and our Facebook page went from 15 'likes' to 500 'likes' over the six-week period leading up to the show. The impact of having 100 young people from around the globe land in your town and spread such positive messages is a real win. When we were asked to do it again in 2016, every member said yes. We now know the impact we are bringing to Billings, MT. We enlisted the help of charities and started work. Again, we have enjoyed every minute of it. UWP has ignited the hearts of our members to get involved and stay involved with our club and our mission of "Kids Need Kiwanis."

How did you find out about UWP coming to your area?

Two Billings-area community members—Pete Taylor and Penny Ronning—are both alumni of UWP. They both became members of Billings Kiwanis and made the pitch for the club to bring UWP to the area.

There are many ways to involve your members with UWP. Why did your club decide to do a service project?

Inspiration. We need more young people involved in Kiwanis. UWP connects Kiwanis to millennials. We use this as a stepping stone to bring them in and find out more. [UWP's promotional] advance teams may not realize how much we learn just in watching them work. They know how to connect with millennials because they are millennials.

Tell us about the service project.

For this event, we united seven local charities that deal with kids: Boys and Girls Club, Friendship House, Center for Children and Families, Tumbleweed Runaway Center, Forever Families, Special K Ranch, and Landon's Legacy Miracle Baseball Park. These seven charities have been at the core of our fundraising for many years. By bringing them directly in to the UWP event, we were able to get them help onsite from



Members of Billings Kiwanis sponsored lunch for Cast B 2016 during their week-long tour in the Billings, MT.

the cast members, promote their causes on a larger stage through promotion efforts and raise some funds for their great causes. Wins all the way around.

Do you feel that this project brought value to your club and community?

Definitely! Our club was at the center of this amazing week. We are already seeing new members coming to us and other clubs in town. The advance team spent six weeks out in the community talking about the show and Billings Kiwanis. Best of all, our members are energized and ready to take on the next big challenge which, I might add, will include a return visit of UWP in 2019!

Do you have anything else to share?

Energy and momentum are what grow a club. UWP brings both. I love my "Uppies" who have stayed in my home and visited my city. They will be my lifelong friends: Jolien from Belgium, Giselle from Mexico, Grant from the United States, Jessica from Madagascar, and Britt from The Netherlands have all changed my daily focus on life and Kiwanis. If you allow them into your club and your house—whether it be six weeks with the advance team or one week with a cast member—you are going to reshape your world.

If you're interested in learning more about Kiwanis and finding a club in your area, [click here](#). If you're interested in bringing this kind of impact to your community, contact Chelsey Panchot, Director of U.S. Sales at cpanchot@upwithpeople.org.

WE HAD A BLAST THIS SUMMER!

For the sixth straight summer, youth ages 13-17 experienced a taste of the UWP life.

The summer of 2016 marked the sixth year for Camp UWP. We are so thrilled by the opportunity to work with campers from twenty different countries who come together for three weeks in the Shenandoah Valley. Every summer there are two sessions that include spending a weekend in Washington, D.C. with host families and exploring the nation's capital, learning about the region, and performing volunteer projects. This year the regional learning took place in Charlottesville, VA and the cast's impact projects included service at the Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Loaves and Fishes food shelter, and Eastern Mennonite School. In addition to these events, the campers had the opportunity to explore performance through dancing, singing, and sharing their stories. Each cast performs two one-hour performances for Camp Horizon's campers, the community, alumni, friends, and families. For the first time ever, both Camp UWP performances were streamed live so people all over the globe could enjoy as well.



Congratulations to our campers, staff, and parents for making this summer such a success!

The process of building, planning, creating, and counting down the days until summer 2017 has already begun. Come be a part of the next chapter of Camp UWP summer fun, friendship and memories. For more information, visit www.campupwithpeople.org.

UWP JR. IS CELEBRATING!

The launch of our newest program for children ages 8-11 was a huge success!

UWP Jr. is off to a fantastic start and is destined to be a worldwide hit based on early response from campers and parents! Two UWP Jr. sites were launched this summer in Phoenix, AZ and Londonderry, NH. A huge shout out to our team of alumni who helped make this happen. The Phoenix team was led by Walter Belcher ('89C), Paula Duncan Kehoe ('85C), and Misa Grenier ('13A), while the Londonderry team was led by Meg Stave Gore ('89C) and Nicole Hamel ('11B). Both sites took the best parts of UWP and shared them with local youth. In addition to learning and staging a 25-minute show full of UWP songs and dance, our young "Uppies" also took part in community service projects while learning about the world around them. All campers were local to their respective communities. However, in true UWP fashion, four countries were represented: Mexico, Sierra Leone, United Republic of Congo, and the United States.



The process of getting ready for summer 2017 has already begun. Several new site possibilities are in the works with five sites in the United States and three international sites in the planning process. The goal is to launch ten new sites next year. Site Directors must be UWP alumni and are currently being recruited. If you are interested, please visit www.upwithpeoplejr.org.



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