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The UWP Update

April/May 2017



UP WITH PEOPLE TO PERFORM WITH ANDREA BOCELLI

A special cast will perform with the famed opera singer at a fundraising event in Italy.



opportunity.”

The performance venue is an outdoor, restored amphitheater overlooking a lake in the heart of Tuscany, and also the home of the Bocelli family for several generations. The concert is expected to attract more than 15,000 attendees from all over the world and will also feature a 60-piece orchestra from the Czech Republic as well as an 80-member choir.

In addition to this special invitation, the Andrea Bocelli Foundation has provided 50 patron tickets for us to offer to our constituents. A small eXperience program is being planned and is filling up fast. Only 20 spots remain. If you are interested in being a part of this historic opportunity, [click here](#).

Watch for video, stories, and photographs of the performance in upcoming communications as well as on the [UWP website](#).

We are very excited to announce that Up with People (UWP) has been invited to perform with famed opera singer, Andrea Bocelli. A special cast will sing UWP classics at the Andrea Bocelli Foundation’s annual fundraising event on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at the Teatro Del Silenzio in Lajatico, Italy near Florence.

His Foundation supports many deprived children’s initiatives around the world. This year’s concert will include a 60-member children’s choir from Haiti.

“It is an honor to be included in this special evening supporting a great cause,” said Paul Whitaker, UWP’s Senior Vice President. “This is one of the biggest performances we have participated in in the last ten years. Our Italian alumnus, Leonardo Guarnieri (’86E) was central to our participation in this special



Guests will enjoy the sites and sounds of Florence including the Il Duomo cathedral (pictured above).



AN EVENING WITH

ANDREA BOCELLI

&  **Up with People**®

We are very excited to announce that Up with People has been invited to perform with the famed opera singer, Andrea Bocelli, in August 2017 at his foundation's annual fundraising event near Florence, Italy. It is an honor to be included in this special evening supporting a great cause of overcoming the barriers of poverty, illiteracy, distress due to illness, and social exclusion.

With this opportunity, we are happy to launch eXperience Bocelli. This special offer will be available for the first fifty guests. We have been allocated a finite number of tickets to this sold-out event, at which more than 15,000 are expected to attend.

eXperience Bocelli includes:

- Three days and three nights (August 2-5, 2017) at a four-star hotel in Florence, Italy
- A ticket to the Andrea Bocelli concert on August 3, 2017 which includes a special appearance by the Up with People alumni cast
- Picnic meal on the grounds of the performance prior to the concert
- Guided tours of iconic attractions in Florence
- Closing night finale dinner in Florence with the Up with People cast

August 2-5, 2017

Price | \$1,295

eXperience Bocelli is priced at \$1,295 USD per person with double occupancy. This program fee includes lodging, tours, opening night happy hour and two dinners, and local transportation. Airfare is not included.

We expect this program will sell out and will honor the first fifty requests and confirmations. We hope you will join us for this special opportunity to be a part of extending UWP's global reach!

Reserve your spot at

www.upwithpeople.org/bocelli



STUDENT PROFILE: NATAN CAVALCA

Get to know Natan from Brazil, a member of Cast A 2017.

How did you hear about Up with People?

My wife, Kara Collins Cavalca ('15A), traveled in UWP and I came to visit her in one of the cities on the road. That week, I was able to spend a day with the cast as well as help with set up [for the show]. I realized how awesome an opportunity it would be to be a part of the program.

What aspects of your culture are you sharing with Cast A 2017?

I'm trying to show everyone that Brazil and its people can be so much more than what's shown on the news and that some stereotypes aren't necessarily true. For example, corruption is a big problem but it doesn't change the fact that most people work really hard to provide for their families. Health, education, and infrastructure issues affect the population but you will still see people with a smile on their faces, willing to help one another. I want people to acknowledge the problems but not be discouraged by them.



Photo credit: Kara Collins Cavalca

How has your host family experience been so far?

I have connected really well with every single [host family] and it has been great getting to know their stories. I think what I'll take away most from the host

family experience is the moment where the families stopped being my host family and became my real family.

What do you think of Up with People's current show, The Journey?

I think the show has a really powerful message and it makes people think. It's a great way to show people what we stand for and that it's possible to work together towards a common goal. I think my favorite song in the show is "Crossroads" - which highlights the refugee crisis—because it has such a strong message.

Tell us about your favorite community action day.

I love going into classrooms where the students don't know what to expect of us and are also a little skeptical. By the time we're done with the activities, you can see in their eyes that we sparked something in them. We made them think and question things. We listened to their opinions and respected them. It's really cool to be a part of that.

CHECK OUT WHERE FUTURE CASTS WILL BE TOURING

Mark your calendars and don't miss a cast visit near you!

DENVER, CO

July 25—August 28, 2017 | Staging and Orientation

2017 UWP GOLF OPEN | Saturday, August 12, 2017

1:30p.m. at the Park Hill Golf Course in Denver

ZIONSVILLE, IN

August 28—September 4, 2017

CHAGRIN VALLEY, OH

September 4—September 11, 2017

NORTHERN RI

September 11—September 18, 2017

PORTSMOUTH, NH

September 18—September 25, 2017

HARRISONBURG, VA

September 25—October 2, 2017

WASHINGTON, DC

October 2—October 9, 2017

MEXICO

October 9—October 16, 2017

PUEBLA, MEXICO

October 16—October 23, 2017

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

October 23—October 30, 2017

MONTERREY, MEXICO

October 30, - November 6, 2017

STUTTGART, GERMANY

November 6—November 13, 2017

WARTENBERG, GERMANY

November 13—November 20, 2017

DONAUESCHINEN, GERMANY

November 20—November 27, 2017

APELDOORN/ZUTPHEN, NETHERLANDS

November 27—December 4, 2017



CAMP
Upwith People

Ages 13-17

PERFORMING ARTS
LEADERSHIP ... SERVICE ... CULTURE ... SUMMER CAMP FUN!

CAST A: June 25-July 15, 2017
CAST B: July 16-Aug. 5, 2017
Cost: \$3,450

CALL: (540) 820-2296; EMAIL: Contact@CampUpwithPeople.org
Register online at: CampUpwithPeople.org

The poster features a large group of diverse young people on a stage, cheering with their arms raised. The background is dark with blue and green spotlights. At the bottom, there are four small inset photos showing camp activities: a person in a field, a campfire, a group of people sitting, and a person in a hat.

TUITION GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR CAST B 2017

Thanks to generous donors, we are able to provide specific tuition grants to students traveling in the July 2017 program.

Innate in our human spirit is a drive to inspire, grow, impact, and create positive change. Since 1965, UWP has been impacting the world by empowering young people to become leaders, excellent communicators, informed global citizens, confident performers and contributing community members. We are thrilled to announce scholarship and grant opportunities for students traveling in our upcoming programs.

As a proud supporter of UWP, we know you look for ways to get involved. Thank you! We invite you to share the mission of UWP, as well as these scholarship and grant opportunities to youth in your communities. How rewarding would it be to see someone you know travel the world and make a difference? Who do you know who would like to take part in this 52-year tradition of youth impacting the world, one community at a time? You were born with the ability to inspire and change someone's life and we believe your assistance will positively impact the next generation of youth, our future leaders. We are grateful for you.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Golden Passport Scholarship | \$1,000 USD

UWP's Golden Passport is distributed to students who are *encouraged to apply* for an upcoming program by a UWP alumnus/a and *are accepted*.

[Click here for more information on the Golden Passport.](#)

General Scholarship | Funds Vary

Awards are based on need, merit, and effort

Dedicated Scholarships | Funds Vary

There are several dedicated scholarships for which future students may be eligible. Specific criteria are designated by the donor(s) of the scholarship.

[Click here for more information on these opportunities](#), as well as the application process and deadlines.

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT UP WITH PEOPLE JR.

Six sites will take place around the United States this summer.

Up with People Jr. (UWP Jr) is growing just as fast as our campers. This summer UWP Jr is proud to announce that we will be leaving our mark in six states across the United States including Greensboro, NC; Zionsville, IN; Gwinnet County, GA; Phoenix, AZ; Denver, CO; and Portland, OR. With your help, we just might make it to your neighborhood soon. To catch all the UWP Jr happenings, check out our [website](#). We will keep you posted on all six sites throughout the summer. We would like to take a moment and spotlight two of this summer's sites and the alumni who are helping to make them a reality.

Can we get a big UWP round of applause for **Caroline Schwiebert ('93B)** and **Lindsay Adams ('84D)**? Caroline will be the Site Director for our Portland, Oregon site, while Lindsay will be the Denver, Colorado Site Director. The Denver camp will be held from June 19—30 at Centennial Elementary in Firestone, CO (30

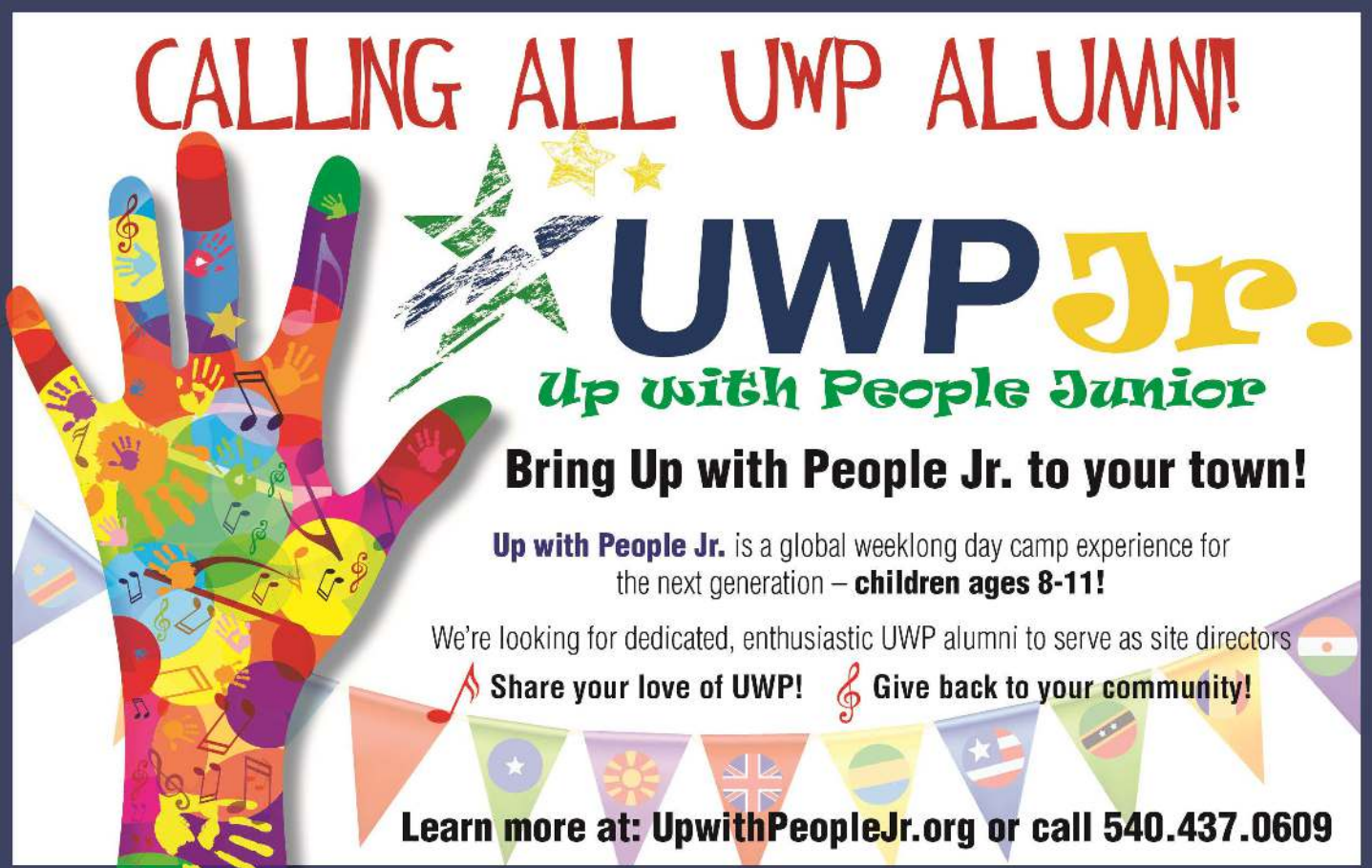
miles north of Denver). The Portland session is July 17-28.

What piqued your interest to host UWP Jr in your community?

LA: As someone who works with elementary-aged students in both a child care and camp setting, currently there is nothing like UWP JR being offered in our area. It encompasses music, movement, team building, leadership, creative projects, service learning, and fun! It's the whole package!

What do you feel will be the largest benefit for young UWP Jr day campers?

LA: My hope is that students will come away from camp being energized by new friendships and experiences, and empowered by the UWP message to know they are valued and capable of doing great things!
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CALLING ALL UWP ALUMNI!

UWP Jr.
Up with People Junior

Bring Up with People Jr. to your town!

Up with People Jr. is a global weeklong day camp experience for the next generation – **children ages 8-11!**

We're looking for dedicated, enthusiastic UWP alumni to serve as site directors

Share your love of UWP! **Give back to your community!**

Learn more at: UpwithPeopleJr.org or call 540.437.0609

UP WITH PEOPLE JR. STORY CONTINUED...

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What makes UWP Jr different than other summer day camps for 8 – 11 year olds?

CA: I think a lot of day camps are fun places to send your kids to simply keep them busy on a hot summer day. There's definitely something to be said for that and kids learn just by being together and playing. But with UWP Jr, the kids are not only learning to work together, but are also learning about each other in a new way. We are celebrating differences and what it means to make a impact.



Why do you think it is important for UWP alumni to get involved in this way?

CS: Alumni truly "get" the impact of UWP on their own lives, their communities, and the communities to which we traveled. The enthusiasm is infectious and being able to bring that enthusiasm and perspective to young kids is so important. I'm excited about this opportunity and hope that any Oregon alumni who would like to stop by and swing clap with us know they are more than welcome. I want to see more and more alums get involved in their cities around the world!



What you most concerned about in pioneering a program like this in your community?

LA: Much of the success of launching a camp in Denver is location, location, location! The metro area is so large and it would be great to have locations spread out to all areas of the city making it super easy for people to have their choice of convenient locations: close to home, work, Grandma's house, or wherever. I'm confident if we can engage alumni in this first Denver camp, then they'll see how easy it will be to launch one in their own community.
CS: Right now, just getting the word out and finding a way to best describe what we do is so important. It's not just a performing arts camp and not just a multi-cultural camp. Getting parents who have never heard of UWP on board is key. I'm hoping we can plant some seeds this summer so that we'll continue to grow this program for future generations.

WE CHANGED LIVES BY PARTNERING WITH UWP

Written by Doug Zanes of [Zanes Law](#) in Tucson, AZ; the sponsor of Cast A 2017's tour to Tucson

Claudia and I lost a wonderful friend named Bill Holmes ('75C) on July 18, 2016. Many of you who are reading this were also blessed to know Bill. We are the fortunate ones. But to those of you who had not met Bill, I will tell you that he was simply a fantastic person. He seemed to move through life with pure appreciation and gratitude and was truly interested in having a positive impact on his world. So it was no surprise to me that, after we all said our goodbyes to Bill, I caught Claudia talking to Bill's best friend, Steve Rokowski ('71A), about what we could do to honor Bill. They wanted to create a legacy for him. So they talked for a while, and we all left that evening in agreement that we would connect again. That was the first step to creating The Bill Holmes Legacy Fund, and it was the conversation that culminated in bringing UWP to Tucson as the foundation to raise almost \$240,000 in scholarship monies in honor of Bill. What a success! What an experience! What an honor!

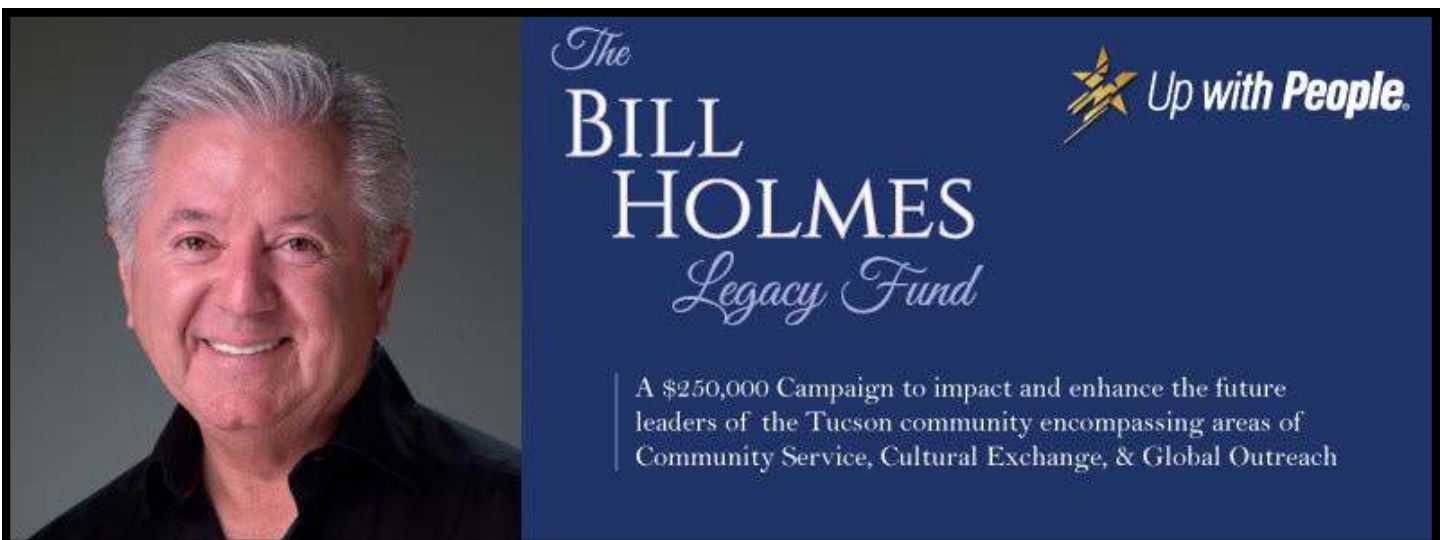
So, out of all this "amazingness," what stood out the most for Claudia, me, and our Zanes Law team? Here are the top three ways partnering with UWP helped us to change lives:

The Bill Holmes Legacy Fund. We raised almost \$240,000 that will be used to provide UWP scholarships


to deserving young people over the next fifteen years. That's amazing! The entire committee that Steve established to accomplish this feat did a fantastic job. Our role in this is something that Claudia and I will always be proud of. This fund will provide opportunity to its recipients and will change their lives, and they will, in turn, have a positive impact on the world. This is not only part of Bill's legacy, but it is also now part of ours. Simply put, Claudia and I are grateful; grateful to have been able to honor Bill, grateful to have been a driving force behind a fundraiser that will have a positive impact on young people for years to come, and grateful to have been part of an amazing group, which included everyone from the UWP cast and staff, to Steve, and to the committee members who worked so hard and raised so much money.

The community service. This was a wonderful opportunity for our Zanes Law team to impact our Tucson community. As a team, we enjoyed volunteering and helping at the Tucson Children's Museum, TMM Family Services, and at GAP Ministries.

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The
**BILL
HOLMES**
Legacy Fund

 **Up with People.**

A \$250,000 Campaign to impact and enhance the future leaders of the Tucson community encompassing areas of Community Service, Cultural Exchange, & Global Outreach

ZANES LAW STORY CONTINUED...



*Doug and Claudia Zanes (left) volunteers with two UWP students at GAP Ministries in Tucson.
Photo Credit: Area520 Photography*

The UWP team. Being part of this with UWP's young performers changed the lives of some of our Zanes Law team members. We loved getting to know them while doing community service and had a great time with them. We had two people in the firm act as host families:

"Words that describe being a host family for UWP would be: "life-altering for the entire family." Our cast member was so appreciative of what we had to offer. Being a first time host, we almost backed out because we didn't think we could handle the task. We decided at the last moment to continue and the experience has now given us an extended member of our family. We had been able to show her our neighborhood, church and go on some nature hikes. Our nine-year-old knew our cast member as her host sister and misses her dearly. Our cast member helped our daughter with a school project and they spent time doing each other's hair. We look forward to being a host family in the future."

—Jeanne Cote, Tucson host family

"We were hosts for Denis Maurer, a cast member with UWP during mid-March 2017. Denis has been on several tours with UWP and comes from a small town

close to Zurich, Switzerland. In the evening, we shared history and customs as well as perspectives of world events and values. It was amazing to learn just how much we had in common despite the distance between Switzerland and the United States. As a student musician, Denis was a talented instrumentalist who could play several instruments and gave us guitar lessons one evening during the week. We were very impressed with Denis as well as all others that were associated with the UWP program.

—Richard Edelman, Tucson host family

Claudia and I believe that experiences are what life is all about: the experience of honoring a dear friend, the experience of being part of so many people coming together to do something great, the experience of seeing our Zanes Law team give back to the community that has given so much to us, and the experience of seeing so many people smile while enjoying the UWP show that we brought to town. Yes my friends, this has been one of those experiences that makes life wonderful and amazing.



Current cast member, Jobe Wagner from Wisconsin, sings during a UWP medley.

Photo Credit: Area520 Photography

KIDS NEED KIWANIS AND KIWANIS NEEDS YOU

Kiwanis and UWP have been promotional partners since 2014.



Your love of service was ignited by UWP. Continue your involvement with youth by joining a Kiwanis club. Kids need Kiwanis and Kiwanis needs you. The more Kiwanis

members there are, the more kids will benefit. Kiwanis clubs provide volunteer opportunities for people like you—people who want to make a difference in their communities. Kiwanis has clubs for members of all ages, from elementary school through adulthood. Kiwanis also offers a club for adults with disabilities, offering those individuals the opportunity to participate in volunteer events and serve others. Other benefits include leadership development, the opportunity to work with youth programs and meeting new people. Kiwanis has clubs around the world. Visit the Kiwanis [website](#) for more information.

AKTION CLUB MEMBERS JAM WITH UWP

Written by Michael Fields, an UWP host family and member of the Kiwanis Club of Cypress

Aktion Club members from North Orange County and South Coast jammed with members of UWP on March 22 at Kiwanis Park in Fullerton, CA. During UWP's 2017 visit to Orange County, seven cast members had the unique opportunity to spend more than one hour with members of the Aktion Club in Region 3. Aktion club members learned a little about the cast members' home countries or state. The evening ended with a jam session where everyone sang songs chosen by both the UWP cast members and Aktion club members.

A *first* for UWP and a *first* for Aktion clubs, the evening proved how working together, our Kiwanis partnerships create beautiful music!



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UWP TAKES ON EUROPE

Cast A 2017's world tour ends in Europe; check out where they will be!

BASEL, SWITZERLAND | MAY 22–29

Show Information:

Saturday, May 27 at 6 :30 p.m.

Musical Theater Basel, Erlen Strasse in Basel

Thank you to the Lions Club Zone 16 of Basel for bringing Cast A 2017 to Basel! UWP has been invited to help celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Lions Movement. [Click here](#) for information on the cast's visit and to purchase show tickets.



BÜLACH, SWITZERLAND | MAY 29–JUNE 5

Show Information:

Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Stadthalle Bülach in Bülach

Among other highlights in Bülach, the cast will have the opportunity to interact with students from the Musikschule Zürcher Unterland (Music School of Zurich Hinterland) and perform together in a special school show. Proceeds from our public show will benefit three very unique local projects. [Click here](#) for information on the cast's visit and to purchase show tickets.



BOCHOLT, GERMANY | June 5–14

Show Information:

Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Städtisches Bühnenhaus Bocholt, Berliner Pl. 1 in Bocholt

UWP is returning to Bocholt, Germany after 19 years. It is the final city of Cast A 2017's world tour. The community is excited to bring UWP back and it is evident from the impressive pre-sale numbers of two public shows; more than 75% of the show is already sold out! [Click here](#) for information on the cast's visit and to purchase show tickets.

