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The 6th Philadelphia Young Pianists Academy (PYPA) Festival runs from Aug. 5 - 12 featuring eight days of concerts, master classes and student concerts in their new home at the Academy of Vocal Arts. Founded by locally-based concert and recording artist Ching-Yun Hu, this year's Master Classes will be taught by such luminaries as Gary Graffman, Simone Dinnerstein, Charles Abramovic, Jerome Lowenthal and Ms. Hu. 20 PYPA youth participants, all outstanding piano talents ages 12 to 26, were chosen from worldwide applications and auditions. Two guest speakers will also offer presentations on career planning, program choices and technology. Piano recitals and classes will take place daily at AVA, 1920 Spruce St. Information at 215-599-0776. •