



Music Makes a City Now

An original web series inspired by the PBS film
New episodes streaming on [YouTube](#) and [PBS Arts](#)

The documentary film **Music Makes a City** chronicled the historic rise of the Louisville Orchestra in the mid-twentieth century, and aired nationally on PBS in 2014.

Music Makes a City Now, a new web series, picks up the story in the present day.

Meet Teddy Abrams, a man on a mission. As the youngest Music Director of a major American orchestra, the 27-year old conductor and composer faces the challenge of a lifetime — to usher in a modern renaissance for the Louisville Orchestra.

Music Makes a City Now follows Teddy through his whirlwind first year in Louisville, Kentucky, as he charts a course to lead the orchestra beyond the boundaries of tradition and back into the heart of his new hometown. Set in the American heartland, it's a musical adventure story filled with daring and originality.

The first four episodes are now online. More episodes are currently in production.

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EPISODES (YouTube)

Episode 1: <http://bit.ly/mmacnowep1>

Episode 2: <http://bit.ly/mmacnowep2>

Episode 3: <http://bit.ly/mmacnowep3>

Episode 4: <http://bit.ly/mmacnowep4>

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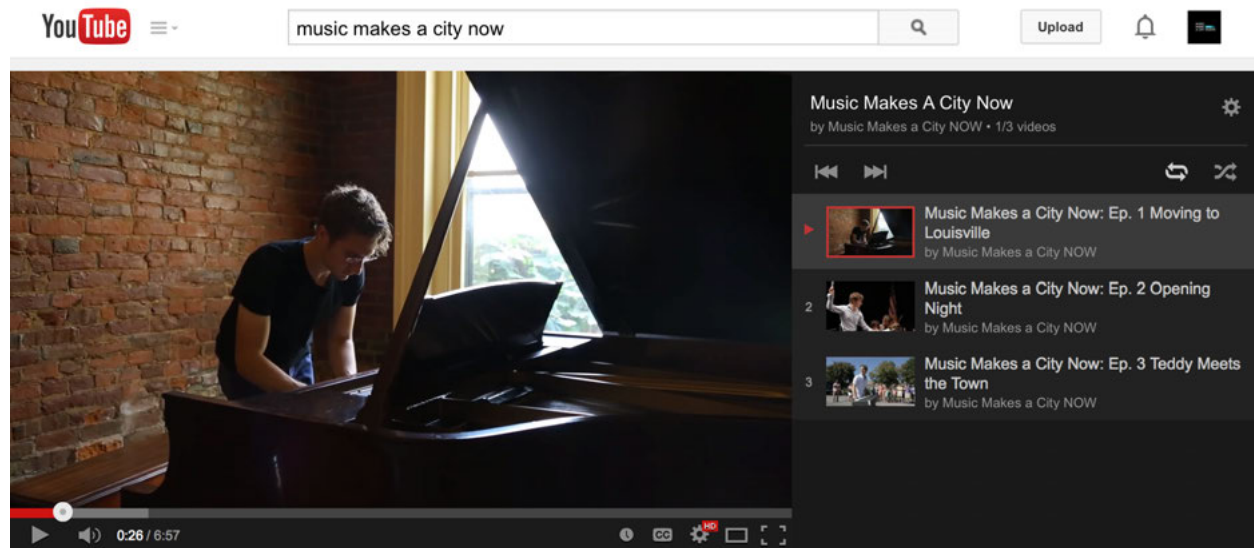
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PILOT EPISODES

Episodes 1-4 capture the critical first month of Teddy Abrams' inaugural season.

Episode 1: Moving to Louisville

<http://bit.ly/mmacnowep1>

27-year-old conductor Teddy Abrams moves to Louisville, Kentucky, to become the youngest Music Director of a major American orchestra.

Episode 2: Opening Night

<http://bit.ly/mmacnowep2>

The intensity builds as Teddy Abrams and the Louisville Orchestra rehearse and perform their Opening Night concert.

Episode 3: Teddy Meets the Town

<http://bit.ly/mmacnowep3>

Teddy Abrams plays music around Louisville to spread the word about the orchestra.

Episode 4: Carmina Burana in Louisville

<http://bit.ly/mmacnowep4>

Teddy Abrams, the Louisville Orchestra, and a community cast of hundreds come together to create a powerhouse performance of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*.

Episodes 5-10: Scheduled for production now through April, 2015



Praise for Music Makes a City

"Illuminating... Evocative... captures a region and music engaged in harmonious, dynamic interplay"
— Nick Schager, *Village Voice*

"Music Makes a City reminds us that the arts are an absolutely essential ingredient to the vitality of our communities."
— Alan Gilbert, *Music Director, New York Philharmonic*

[Music Makes a City](#) (2010), the feature length documentary film produced by Owsley Brown Presents, chronicles the Louisville Orchestra's rise in the mid-twentieth century from its days as a struggling, semiprofessional group to its status as a premiere showcase for contemporary composers from all over the world. The leadership and artistic vision of Louisville's civic leaders at the time, including the charismatic Mayor Charles Farnsley and conductor Robert Whitney, were key to the success of the ambitious undertaking, which propelled the Louisville Orchestra to Carnegie Hall and international acclaim. And just as Farnsley and Whitney predicted, as the orchestra's reputation grew, so did the cultural and economic life of Louisville. This captivating and critically acclaimed film, narrated by Will Oldham, features interviews with iconic American composers Lukas Foss, Gunther Schuller, Elliott Carter, Chou Wen-chung and William Schuman, plus an evocative soundtrack of selected commissions recorded by the Louisville Orchestra. The DVD won the 2012 Gramophone award for Best DVD Documentary, and is currently available through shoppbs.org. In 2014, the hour-long TV version of **Music Makes a City**, which included new footage of the Louisville Orchestra filmed in 2013, was broadcast on PBS nationwide and made available on-demand at pbs.org and via Roku and Apple TV. PBS will continue repeat broadcasts of **Music Makes a City** through 2018. **Music Makes a City** also enjoys a growing and dynamic online community via its website, Facebook, and Twitter presence, offering web videos and current social media content inspired by the film's broad themes, including arts advocacy and leadership, the intersection of civic community and arts culture, how music benefits society, and the value of new music and music education.