

MYA NEWS



Announcements

WELCOME BACK! We hope that being in MYA will prove to be fun and, at the same time, challenging. Consider that you are following in the footsteps of former MYA members who now play in professional orchestras, attend major music and academic universities and are successful young people starting their careers. You are a member of an organization that has won more awards and competitions than any other of its type in the US – 2 out of 3 Fischhoff medals in BOTH the last 2 years and 13 in 13 years!

All of this has happened because our members are talented, work hard, are disciplined and want to achieve. They realized their responsibilities and lived up to them, in many cases exceeding what should have been expected. I promise you that I will work to prepare my music and make our rehearsals efficient and meaningful as well as fun. I expect you will do your best to reach your goals as well.

This year will be incredible! Our concert schedule has changed to accommodate an additional concert for our senior groups yet still offer all MYA ensembles great performing spaces, including Civic Opera House in Chicago – a place NO youth program has performed. Soloists will include William Preucil, Rufus Reid, Sean Jones, David Schrader, Mary Springfels and eighth blackbird. We are planning the most exciting international tour we have ever taken to China and Korea. We are planning some of the most innovative activities we've ever done (New Music Ensembles, Early Music Ensembles, 8bb residencies, Master Class Series, Distinguished Lecture Series focusing on the cultures of the east). There's almost too much to take advantage of but we encourage you, your family and friends to immerse yourselves in learning music AND more about the cultures that comprised or currently comprise the "Silk Road".

MYA is an organization whose mission is to "build a home with the power of music to enrich the lives of our students and community." In this process, we have become an organization that students, parents and teachers have relied on to provide the highest quality music experience in the world, set in an educational nurturing environment with a supportive social structure. But we need your commitment to make that possible. We need you to learn your music, attend all rehearsals, fully cooperate with all of your teachers, and expect more of yourself than you think you can do.

Set the bar high for yourself this year! Achieve more than you think you can do! Try harder than ever before.

I, the MYA staff and faculty and the entire MYA organization is here to support you in this process.

-Dr. D

SAVE THE DATE!

FALL CONCERT: The Spirit of the Silk Road: Coming Together!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Harris Theatre for Music and Dance

3:00 Reading, Cadet, Prep, Concert Orchestras
Voices Rising
Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra
7:30 Symphony
Big Band
Chorale

SEASON TICKETS!

BUY NOW AND SAVE!

Season Brochures will be mailed out before we meet again on September 9 or 10. Watch for them in your slow mail! Season Ticket Orders must be placed before October 1 to take advantage of lower prices. Ticket orders can be completed by filling out the order form in the Season Brochure.

*Ticket Prices will be higher if purchased after Oct. 1 and may include service fees.

Jazz Program

SAVE THE DATE – October 7th! Jazz Students will open for the Chicago Jazz Ensemble featuring trumpeter Jon Faddis! Please see Mr. Meyer for more details about this concert.

Choral Startup – September 10th

Voices Rising and Chorale will start on Sunday, September 10. Voices Rising rehearsals are from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the South Rehearsal Room. Chorale will meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the South Rehearsal Room. Mandatory Brief Parent meeting for Voices Rising parents is at 4:30 p.m. and Mandatory Brief Parent meeting for Chorale is at 7:00 p.m.

Our first Voices Rising concert will be Sunday, October 29 at the Harris Theatre, Millennium Park in Chicago at 3:00 p.m. Our first Chorale concert will be Sunday, October 29 at the Harris Theatre, Millennium Park in Chicago at 7:30 p.m. Dress rehearsals will take place earlier in the day and the times will be announced later.

Voices Rising members should be thinking about Welcome Yule. We will be mailing out commitment letters very soon for Welcome Yule rehearsals and performances in November and December.

Let's all welcome Nathan Landes, MYA's new Director of Chorale! Please see the website for Mr. Landes' bio and photo. We are excited for a wonderful season of making music!

Chamber Program:

The first Sunday Soiree will be held on October 1 at 2:00 pm at the MYA Center at Ft. Sheridan. Come support your friends!

Volunteers:

Mandatory Parent Meetings:

These meetings are mandatory for all parents, new and returning. They will be quick and informative! We will have individual meetings for each ensemble this year. Meetings will be held outside in the front of the building.

Saturday, September 9

10:00 Cadet

10:30 Concert

11:00 Reading

11:30 Prep

12:00 Symphony

Sunday, September 10

1:30 Jazz Ensemble

2:30 Jazz Orchestra

4:30 Voices Rising

5:00 Big Band

7:00 Chorale

Volunteering Is For Everyone!

We are looking forward to a fun year of camaraderie and accomplishment. If you have an expertise/interest in a certain area and you see a way that you can help, please let Gena Andreasen know. She'll put you to work!

We are still looking for people in the following areas. Please see Gena if you're interested.

- Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO) secretary to take minutes at the 5 meetings during the year
- DVD sales and distribution
- Concert Setup – February 24

Every week we will post volunteer opportunities in the weekly newsletter. Keep Reading.

Take care of your volunteer hours early in the season! We need a couple people to help out with Photo Day on Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10. The volunteers will help organize the ensembles, and help Mr. Nuccio ensure all those who want individual photos taken have that opportunity. We need people from 10:00 to 12:30 on Saturday, and 3:15pm to 7:15pm on Sunday. Please call Henrietta Saunders (847) 729-2329 or email her at thedaysofenteract@rcn.com

Please contact Ruth Rozen if you are interested in helping out with seating auditions. ruth_rozen@yahoo.com

MYA recycles and we need your help. We collect it, but don't have recycling pick up. We have cans, bottles, and paper from the office available for home recycling outside the back door. Anything you can add to your home bin is appreciated. Thanks!

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Summer 2007 Concert Tour to China and Korea

You haven't heard from us in awhile, but the concert tour is still on, and we are very excited about how the arrangements are coming together. Dr. and Mrs. D took a preview trip to China this summer and

met lots of people and looked at lots of concert venues. We should have an itinerary and sign up information available by rehearsals on

September 9 and 10. If you're interested in learning more about China, there is a table full of books in the office; feel free to borrow any of them!

Notes from the Registration and Bookkeeping Team: Thank you to the families who submitted their tuition payments by the due date of August 25. The inflow from tuition income is critical for daily operation of the MYA programs.

As we expect to greet and meet many new families and guide them to the rehearsal facilities on the first day, we may be away from the Office to accept your simple submission of either payments or registration materials. Please deposit such items in "The Red Box" located by the entrance door to the Office. Thank you in advance for assisting yourselves!

Peili Chim and Donna Schardt

PHOTO DAY:

Photo Day will be September 10th. It has been moved up this year so that photos are available for the Concert Program Book by October 29! Individual photos are before or after large ensemble photos. Chamber Music and Jazz Combo pictures will be taken at another time. Check the website for exact times. Order Forms are available either by hardcopy around the MYA Center, or on the website. Remember to wear concert clothes! See the website handbook for concert code (on the Current Members page)