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Midwest Young Artists:
Building a Home
with the Power of Music
to Enrich the Lives
of our Students
and Community

Welcome to MYA's 2007-08 Season!

As we begin what will be our 15th year at MYA, I (Dr. D) hope everyone will be appreciative of what we have here. We have dedicated teachers who want to do their best to help you; we have talented students who want to grow and learn more about music and life; we have hard-working staff who want to make the experience as positive and nurturing as possible; and we have a responsible Board of Directors who give freely of their time to make this organization possible. Without ALL of those different factions involved, MYA could not function. So please help us by doing your part – be sure you are prepared for your rehearsals and coachings, volunteer to help, keep the building clean and picked up – if you see a mess someone else made please pick it up, do not bring food or drink into the rehearsal or coaching rooms, put things back from where you got them from and be responsible for everyone, not just yourself. Please help us make MYA an even better place to come to every week!

Dr. D

GENERAL INFORMATION

MYA Weekly Newsletter

Pick up your copy of MYA's weekly newsletter to keep up-to-date with current MYA parent meetings, concert information, ticket sales, and program information. Find your weekly copy by our back entrance or on our website at www.mya.org/news.

MYA Parent Meetings this Weekend

Please come to one of MYA's parent meetings this weekend. We will be communicating important information including: Season Overview, Student Directory, Volunteer Opportunities, and Introduction of Ensemble Liaisons

Saturday, September 8: 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Sunday, September 9: 2:00 & 6:00 PM

Please Note: Parent meetings will be held outside, under a tent on the front lawn

Order Your Season Tickets Now & Save!

Please pick up a copy of our 2007-08 Season Brochure and order your season tickets by September 20 to save on MYA's concert tickets for the year.

MYA Photo Days: September 15 & 16

Each year MYA has professional group photos taken of each ensemble for the annual concert program book. Students must wear their concert attire on this day for their regular rehearsals. A complete description of proper dress for each ensemble can be found on our website at www.mya.org/handbook/dresscode.php or the back of the photo order form.

Saturday Photo Times

9:15	Cadet
9:45	Concert
11:45	Reading
12:00	Prep
2:45	Symphony

Sunday Photo Times

2:00	Jazz Ensemble
4:00	Voices Rising
4:15	Jazz Orchestra
5:00	Big Band
5:30	Choristers
6:30	Chorale

New Bulletin Boards

Important MYA events, competition information, and interesting news items will be updated weekly on our bulletin board by the back entrance. Please be sure to check it out! Want to post info? See Susan (MYA office).

Current Openings in Choral & Orchestra Programs

Please Spread the Word! Midwest Young Artists' nationally acclaimed music program is currently accepting limited applicants for its Choral Ensembles and for Reading, Cadet and Prep Orchestras! Interested parties may register on-line at www.mya.org or contact the MYA office at 847.926.9898.

MYA Choristers!

Under the direction of Liz Moore (Stanley/Sym), MYA is pleased to announce the formation of a new choral ensemble, *Choristers*, for students in 2nd – 4th grades. This new addition to MYA's choral groups is designed to provide younger individuals with the opportunity to experience the pleasure and camaraderie of participating in a choral ensemble. No audition is required and interested parties are encouraged to attend a rehearsal. Rehearsals are on Sundays from 4:30 - 5:30 PM.

New Chamber Music Additions

MYA is pleased to announce the new addition of Saxophone Quartets to MYA's Chamber Music Program. Saxophone quartet rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons with rehearsals beginning on September 9, 2007.

Also, Chamber Music Programs are now available for Prep and Cadet students on Monday and Wednesday after school & evenings. To sign up email Robert Bassill at robertbassill@mya.org. Please note: cello and viola students are needed.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

MYA GENERAL Q & A's

Q. I have a marching band conflict this month with orchestra this month. What should I do?

A. We hope that when you are absent for any reason, you go to the Members' page of our website and fill out the on-line absence form. This puts it into a database that we print out and give to our coaches and directors so they know who is going to be absent each week. We usually print it out before we leave on Friday evening, so as soon as you know the absence is coming up, please let us know. If you're in a chamber music ensemble, don't forget to find a sub for your part. This should be easier as you get to know students in your section.

Q. My child will be at MYA for quite awhile on Saturday or Sunday. Is there anywhere close by to get something to eat?

A. We've been told that one of the best memories of our Alum's MYA experience was eating pizza and hanging out with their friends. On Saturday (and maybe we'll also start on Sunday if we find a volunteer), we have bagels and pizza for sale, as well as fruit, snacks, and drinks.

Q. When do the ensembles perform and is there a schedule were I can locate upcoming events?

A. MYA has more than 40 performances each year. Please keep up-to-date with our events by going to the calendar on the Members page of the MYA website, by viewing the Concerts & Events page on the website, by reading our weekly newsletter, and by viewing information posted on the bulletin boards. Please also pick up a copy of our Season Brochure, which has all major concerts and ticket prices listed. Purchasing tickets prior to September 20th will provide substantial savings!!

THEORY

All students (new and old) interested in taking a theory class will need to take a written AND aural placement questionnaire on **Saturday, September 8** or **Sunday, September 9**. The questionnaire, which should not take more than 30 minutes in total, will be given at the following times:

Saturday, September 8: 10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15

Sunday, September 9: 1:30, 4:00, 5:00

MYA has reorganized the theory program and we encourage all interested students to experience this exciting new curriculum, which will include individual and computer assisted instruction and ear training! There is no need to sign up for the questionnaire, simply come to one of the following times listed.

CHORAL

Voices Rising

We're off to a fantastic start! Thanks to all members, both new and returning, who came to the four-day mini-camp and to our first rehearsal on August 26. Your hard work has put you in the lead for learning our fall music! There have been many questions pertaining to Voices Rising dress for the photos. For specific dress details, please go to the Members page of MYA's website and click on "Concert Dress Code". Also watch for our upcoming e-blast pertaining to MYA's Photo Days.

Chorale

On Sunday, September 9, Opera Scenes Rehearsal will start at 7:00 PM and conclude at 9:00 PM. Please come early and warm up so that you are ready to sing at 7:00! There is an extensive list of prop items needed for rehearsals. Please check out the list at www.mya.org/programs/choral.php and bring any items that you may own to the first rehearsal this Sunday.

JAZZ

Please make note of the following large ensemble rehearsal times – we look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

12:00 – 12:30 PM	Jazz Theory 1	2:30 – 4:00 PM	Jazz Orchestra Rehearsal
12:30 – 2:00 PM	Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal	4:30 – 5:00 PM	Jazz Theory III
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Jazz Theory II	5:30 – 7:30 PM	Big Band Rehearsal

ORCHESTRA

Symphony

Audition results are posted on the bulletin board.

Concert & Prep

Auditions will be scheduled later in the year.

Thank You!

It's never too soon to say "thank you!" We had many people helping out over the summer, and we are very grateful for their assistance!

- Thanks to all the parents who attended the PVO meeting on August 25. We have a great group on board, and we will cover a lot of ground this year. **Pam Owens Harmon** (Elisabeth/Sym, Aryn/Read & Ellyn/Read), **Tammy Lathan** (Megan/Con), **Keith Gray** (Erin/JazzO & Emily/Chor), **Kristy Schuetter** (Zach/JazzO/Con), **Don Tunkl** (Aliza/Alum), **Melinda Hoiland** (Britta/Con), **Lali Watt** (Rian/Con, Liah/VR/Prep, & Dale/Prep), **Liz Leman** (Jason/Con & Abby/Cad), **Karen Franco** (James/Sym), **Mary Anne Donahue** (Grace/Read, Kevin/Read, Conor/Cad, & Mary Rose/Cad), **Anne Feeney** (Ian/JazzE), **Cathy Popp** (Zach/Sym), **Patti and Derek** (Cordelia/Con). By the way, all parents are welcome to attend these meetings.
- Our gratitude goes to those who helped organize/assemble backpacks and host family gifts for the tour **Jennifer Bauer** (Eric/Sym), **Karen Franco** (James/Sym), **Mary Lou Feick** (Hannah/Sym), **Andre Badziak** (Natalie/Sym), **Pam Owens** (Elisabeth/Sym, Aryn/Read & Ellyn/Read), **Janet Sameh** (Robert/JazzO), **Mary Syc** (Katie/Chor)
- Refreshments were served at our Concert on the Lawn by **Maria Fatum** (John/Sym/JazzC & Michael/Sym/JazzC), **Julie Jaras** (Olivia/Chor), **Diane Naftzger** (Devon/Sym/Con), **Pam Owens Harmon** (Elisabeth/Sym, Aryn/Read & Ellyn/Read), **Barb Rothstein** (Greg/Chor & Caroline/Alum) and balloons were inflated by **Larry Moore** (Stan/Sym & Shawn/Alum) with the aid of numerous students.
- We had 72 students attend the lock in. Thank you to all of the parents who helped make it a success. **Dr. and Mrs. D, Pam Owens Harmon** (Elisabeth/Sym, Aryn/Read & Ellyn/Read), and **Mike Chodorowski** (Autumn/Sym) spent the night as well as helped with the BBQ. **Lynn Miller** (Erica/Sym), **Lisa Chodorowski** (Autumn/Sym), **Kathy Smith** (Tess/Sym), **Gail Solotke** (Michael/Sym/BigB), **Pedro Cevallos & Pam Brockman** (Antonio/Sym) cooked, served and cleaned up the delicious pancake breakfast. **Claudia Cryer** (Ellie Levine/Sym & Will Levine/Alum), **Diane Naftzger** (Devon/Sym/Con), **Joan Mathews** (Lauren Williams/Sym), **Sue Gaynor** (also helped with BBQ) (Natalie/Sym), **Pam Lutter** (Emily/Sym), **Liz Moore** (Stan/Sym & Shawn/Alum) **Gena Andreasen** (Hannah/Sym/Chor & Tessa/Alum) recorded auditions.
- Thank you to **Don Tunkl** (Aliza/Alum) for the many hours he has contributed all summer long in his continued care of our building and fish.
- Thank you to all who helped with mailings that were sent out over the summer, **Amy & Madeline Acri** (Emily/Sym), **Joyce Allan, Liz Allan** (Stephanie/Con), **Tessa Andreasen/Alum, Hannah Andreasen/Sym/Chor, Alison Bartusiak (Laura/Read, Emily/Cad & Elizabeth/Read), Gigi Cabrera** (Matthew/Read), **Lisa Chodorowski** (Autumn/Sym), **Deborah Dranove** (Michael/Sym & Daniel/Alum), **Maria Fatum** (John/Sym/JazzC & Michael/Sym/JazzC), **Cynthia Funai** (Heather/Sym & Colin/Sym), **Joan Garner** (Callie/Prep), **Sybil Haake** (Samantha/Con/Chor), **Genny Joyce (Max/Read, Natalie/Read), Karin Jones (Morgan/VR), Joan Montag, Claudia Jones, Chun Wel Lin** (Henry/Con), **Midori O'Connell** (Evelyn/Sym).
- A very special thank you to everyone – students, parents, counselors, and MYA Directors for an unbelievable trip to China and Korea!
(We apologize if we have left anyone out; please let us know so we can be sure to log your hours and thank you properly!)

Volunteer Opportunities – Sign up Today!

- This Sunday, September 9, we need several volunteers to take down the tent after the parent meeting at 7:00 PM.
- We still need many volunteers. Please check out the sign up lists in the lobby.

KUDOS & B-DAYS!

Summer Birthdays!

06/01/95, Lametrice Taylor, clarinet, Reading
 06/01/91, Jane Pak, violin, Symphony
 06/02/93, Erin Wells, bassoon, Concert
 06/03/90, Courtney Sheldon, oboe, Symphony
 06/04/93, Lauren Koehler, oboe, Concert
 06/05/91, Sara Muralles, violin, Concert
 06/05/07, Michael Dunham, cello, Cadet
 06/05/97, Paris Benson-Perez, violin, Cadet
 06/04/92, Lauren Williams, oboe, Symphony
 06/06/94, Yang Ruan, viola, Concert
 06/06/93, Becka Ruan, violin, Concert
 06/06/94, Colleen Feldheim, voice, Voices Rising
 06/07/94, Justin Shang, violin, Prep
 06/07/92, Weitao Qiang, violin, Symphony
 06/09/94, Amanda Zhou, cello, Concert
 06/09/90, Jack Amato, cello, Symphony
 06/10/90, Andrew Hile, bassoon, Symphony

06/10/92, Stephanie Doong, violin, Symphony
 06/11/93, Andrew Sharp, cello, Concert
 06/11/91, Kevin Jasieniecki, horn, Symphony
 06/11/94, Nathan Wolf, horn, Prep
 06/11/07, Rebecca Rudy, viola, Symphony
 06/14/91, Kevin Stevens, trombone, Big Band
 06/14/91, Adler Scheidt, guitar, Jazz Combo & Jazz Orchestra
 06/15/94, Clayton Kullander, bassoon, Prep
 06/14/92, Noah Mandell, alto sax, Jazz Ensemble
 06/16/94, Tianyao He, clarinet, Prep
 06/19/91, Josephine Mintel, violin, Symphony
 06/19/90, John Klaess, trumpet, Big Band & Jazz Combo
 06/18/96, Mary Rose Donahue, violin, Cadet
 06/19/97, Greta Ramsey, viola, Cadet

06/20/95, Jennifer Lee, oboe, Concert
 06/21/93, Zachary Popp, horn, Symphony
 06/20/92, Alexandra Peterson, harp, Concert & Symphony
 06/22/91, Monica Lee, viola, Symphony
 06/22/96, Jenny Li, cello, Cadet
 06/24/91, Omar Kaufman, trumpet, Concert
 06/25/91, Jessica Wells, bassoon, Symphony
 06/26/92, Joshua Plotner, alto sax, Jazz Orchestra
 06/28/89, Daniel Pierson, piano, Jazz Combo & Big Band
 06/28/91, Andrew Clinkman, guitar, Jazz Combo
 06/28/89, Natalie Marie Turner, clarinet, Symphony
 06/28/91, Andrew Clinkman, guitar, Big Band
 07/01/96, Zalman Gagerman, voice, Voices Rising & oboe, Cadet

September 8 Edition

07/02/91, Carson Goldman, percussion, Chamber Music
07/02/93, Kara Gurvey, trombone, Jazz Orchestra
07/04/90, Monica George, viola, Symphony
07/05/91, Robert Sameh, trombone, Jazz Orchestra
07/05/98, Luis F. Salazar, violin, Reading
07/05/89, Billy Thoms, trumpet, Symphony
07/08/92, Anthony Chiodo, viola, Symphony
07/09/92, Angela Warren, voice, Chorale
07/10/96, Melanie Putlak, voice, Voices Rising
07/10/92, Michael Ruggeri, cello, Concert
07/11/92, Rian Watt, violin, Concert
07/13/97, Mia Vaananen, voice, Voices Rising
07/13/93, Yiding Hao, violin, Concert
07/14/99, Solveig Haugland, violin, Reading
07/16/98, Ellory Longdon, violin, Reading
07/16/93, Emily Acri, violin, Symphony
07/19/94, Jack Fuller, cello, Concert
07/19/97, Torin Bakke, viola, Cadet
07/18/92, Mark Klein, viola, Concert
07/19/94, Kevin Fuller, double bass, Concert
07/19/91, Laura Biersteker, flute, Symphony
07/19/19, Anna Samudovsky, oboe, Prep
07/22/90, Ford Culver, horn, Chamber Music
07/21/96, Michael Brown, violin, Prep
07/22/95, Emily Ashenden, voice, Voices Rising
07/22/90, Austin Culver, tuba, Chamber Music
07/24/90, Elena Snow, cello, Symphony
07/25/97, Miki Graf, cello, Cadet
07/25/89, Corey Richardson, guitar, Jazz Combo
07/27/91, Sarah Balzer, oboe, Symphony
07/27/91, Emily Lutter, violin, Symphony
07/27/90, Jeremy Krifka, viola, Symphony
07/28/93, Jason Leman, flute, Concert
07/27/92, Rachel Glazer, clarinet, Concert
07/29/90, Andrew Heaton, guitar, Jazz Combo
07/30/93, Lizzy Jordan, cello, Concert
07/30/91, Evan Link, trumpet, Concert
07/29/92, Hillary Lindwall, viola, Concert
07/30/90, Alyssa Schardt, violin, Symphony
07/30/94, Alan Snow, violin, Concert
07/30/92, Kendra Witkewicz, viola, Concert
07/31/95, Stephen Johnson, trumpet, Prep
08/01/90, Michael Dranove, trombone, Symphony
07/31/92, Claire Haffner, violin, Concert
08/03/93, Jinyoung Lee, violin, Concert
08/04/95, Brienne Lubor, violin, Prep
08/05/91, Hanna Woo, violin, Symphony
08/05/90, Jesse Clevenger, horn, Symphony
08/05/92, Levi Furman, violin, Concert
08/06/95, Danielle Fraser, voice, Voices Rising
08/07/95, Ben Solomonow, cello, Prep & Concert
08/08/90, Taylor Noe, voice, Chorale
08/08/93, Miriam Rood, voice, Voices Rising
08/08/95, Cordelia M. Brand, viola, Concert
08/08/99, Aryn Harmon, cello, Reading
08/09/95, Emily Murphy, cello, Prep
08/10/93, Christine Rovani, violin, Concert
08/12/91, Jacqueline Hong, tenor sax, Jazz Ensemble
08/12/92, Hayley Koch, voice, Chorale
08/13/91, Namrata Kodali, viola, Symphony
08/14/91, Harrison Keeshin, double bass, Symphony
08/08/14/96, Shannon He, violin, Prep
08/16/02, Liam Tracy, cello, Reading
08/15/92, Ryan Murphy, violin, Symphony
08/16/96, Daniel Lewis, voice, Voices Rising
08/16/92, Shane Simpson, piano, Jazz Combo & Jazz Orchestra
08/18/90, Autumn Chodorowski, violin, Symphony
08/18/90, Alexandra Gilroy, double bass, Symphony
08/20/94, Konrad Sniezek, cello, Prep
08/20/00, Avery Reneau, violin, Reading
08/21/97, Kate Meyers, voice, Voices Rising
08/22/93, Sean Meehan, tenor sax, Jazz Ensemble
08/23/94, Liesel Magnusson, oboe, Prep
08/23/91, Ella Kinzie, violin, Concert
08/23/97, Melanie Qing, violin, Cadet
08/23/93, Zach Schuetter, tuba, Concert & trombone, Jazz Orchestra
08/23/95, Theodore Mavrakis, clarinet, Prep
08/24/95, William Sheppard, trombone, Jazz Ensemble
08/24/94, Katherine Krey, voice, Voices Rising
08/24/92, Olivia Jaras, voice, Chorale
08/24/96, Courtney Joseph, voice, Voices Rising
08/26/90, Uriel Rotstein, viola, Symphony
08/27/94, Taylor Pearson, clarinet, Prep
08/27/94, Andy Peterman, trombone, Jazz Ensemble
08/28/93, Madison Cogan, cello, Prep
08/28/93, Natalie Gaynor, violin, Symphony
08/29/93, Johnny Thoms, trumpet, Prep
09/02/90, Stephen Derluguian, tenor sax, Jazz Combo
09/02/92, Robert Osiol, piano, Jazz Combo & Jazz Ensemble
09/03/90, Ben Steinhorn, bassoon, Symphony
09/04/91, Gabriella Injeski-Caputo, violin, Concert
09/05/99, Maria Hodson, violin, Reading
09/06/90, Heather Kipnis, horn, Symphony
09/06/94, Courtney Chen, violin, Concert
09/08/93, Erin Gray, trumpet, Concert & Jazz Orchestra
09/08/90, Evelyn O'Connell, violin, Symphony
09/08/92, Sam Mattenson, clarinet, Concert
09/10/??, Susan Cook, MYA office
09/12/??, Paula Fischer, MYA coach
09/13/94, Camille Ruiz-Funes, violin, Prep
09/15/95, Olivia Potash, cello, Cadet