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MYA's Weekly News

GENERAL INFORMATION

MYA Weekly Newsletter

Don't forget to 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 on our website at www.mya.org/news or by the back entrance!

REMINDER: 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.

This Weekend!!! 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
4:15	Jazz Orchestra
4:30	Voices Rising (note change)
5:00	Big Band
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No Orchestra Rehearsals Next Week!

In observance of Yom Kippur there will be no orchestra or chamber music rehearsals on **Saturday, September 22**. There will be regular Jazz and Choral rehearsals on the following Sunday.

Current Openings in Choral & Orchestra Programs

Orchestra Program

We will continue to audition for limited openings in the younger orchestras, particularly in the brass and wind areas. Auditions will be taking place later next week (the week of September 17). Since we are already into rehearsals for the October concert, accepted students will have to start by September 29 to meet our attendance requirements. Auditions for 2nd semester openings will be held on **Wednesday, October 24**, and **Thursday, December 13**. (We do not anticipate violin openings in the middle of the year). Audition requests received after September 22 will be reviewed by Program Directors before audition times are scheduled.

Choral Program

There are NO openings in *Voices Rising* this semester. Rehearsals are well underway for the Welcome Yule! concerts with CSO. We will audition Chorale students for Quarter II (Jazz Choir); Quarter III (Bach Cantata), and Quarter IV (Verdi Requiem). There are NO openings now for Quarter I (Opera Arias). Auditions will be scheduled on Sundays before Chorale. Our newest choral ensemble, *Choristers*, will take new students all semester. There are no audition requirements.

Jazz Program

There are still limited openings for saxophone, trombone and bass. Auditions will be set up on an individual basis.

Do You Have Your Password?

The student directory and ensemble information is password protected on our website. Our webmaster informs us that only 51.4% of e-mail addresses belonging to members or their parents have chosen a password. If you need help, there will be parents in the lobby or the office this weekend to help. Please get connected to this information!

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

PROGRAM INFORMATION

THEORY

Theory placement results may be found on the MYA website at www.mya.org/programs/theory.php. For those of you who missed the Theory questionnaire last weekend may take the questionnaire this Saturday at 9:30 AM, 1:00 & 4:00 PM and Sunday at the following times: 12:00, 4:00 & 5:00 PM.

CHORAL

Chorale

Opera Scenes Cast: Please arrive to rehearsal on time with water bottle, pencil, music in black 3-ring binder, and if possible, small tape recorder. Begin committing your parts to memory. We will begin staging some things this Sunday. See you soon!

JAZZ

Please check out your theory placement results on the MYA website at www.mya.org/programs/theory.php.

ORCHESTRA

Concert

Saturday Sectionals, September 23

2:00 – 4:00 PM Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion (South Rehearsal Hall)
1:30 – 3:30 PM Violin I & II (Lobby)
2:00 – 4:00 PM Violas (Barkei Room)
3:00 – 5:00 PM Cellos (Kimee Room)
2:00 – 4:00 PM Basses (Macey Room)

Symphony

Saturday Sectionals, September 23

7:30 – 9:30 PM Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion (North Rehearsal Hall)
3:00 – 5:00 PM Violin I & II (Lobby)
4:00 – 6:00 PM Violas (Barkei Room)
5:30 – 7:30 PM Cellos (Kimee Room)
4:00 – 6:00 PM Basses (Macey Room)

Reading, Cadet, & Prep Orchestras

Robert Bassill, MYA's Chamber Music Coordinator, will be subbing for Patrick Pearson this week!

Sunday Sectionals (Winds, Brass, Percussion, September 29)

8:45-9:30 AM Cadet Orchestra
2:00-2:45 PM Prep Orchestra

CHAMBER

MYA's first Chamber Music Soiree is scheduled for Sunday, September 30 at 2:00 PM. Please ask your coaches if you will be performing!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

We had a great turn out at our parent meetings last weekend. If you missed the meetings, please see your ensemble liaison for a quick overview. Thanks to all of you who attended and to all who signed up to help with our big projects! We still have a few openings, but have almost all of the committee coordinators. Way to go!!!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Someone to take our posters to Michaels or Hobby Lobby to have them mounted on foam board (see Karen – mya@mya.org)
- Organize a "Tour Wall" – hang photos and posters from past MYA tours
- Co-Chair for the **Walgreens Concerto Competition**. Mary Jo Biersteker has agreed to coordinate the concerto competition, but she would like to have a co-chair work with her. (see Gena)
- **Solicitation Coordinator** – We are looking for a person to coordinate the auction solicitations. This would involve organizing the solicitation team - deciding which businesses and organizations we want to approach and then assigning the lists to people for procuring the items. You don't necessarily have to do the solicitations yourself. (contact Gena at genaandreasen@mya.org)
- **Benefit Wrap up Coordinator** We would like to have someone coordinate the volunteers at the conclusion of the benefit on February 9
- We will continue to have sign up sheets available in the lobby for those of you who didn't get a chance to sign up last weekend
- Ride needed to O'Hare on Saturdays for Annie Chalex Boyle at 5:00 PM, who needs to catch a flight back to Michigan after coaching

KUDOS & B-DAYS!

Kudos!

♪ Emily Gray (Chorale) won the Field Hunter Grand Championship Junior Division (13-18 years old) at the 73rd annual Dunham Woods Horse Show in Wayne, Illinois.

Member Birthdays!

09/17/91, Kyle Licocci, trumpet, Jazz Combo
09/17/89, Meredith Peacock, violin, Symphony
09/17/93, Sharon Guan, violin, Concert
09/17/91, Kyle Licocci, trumpet, Big Band
09/17/96, Elise Weilandt, voice, Voices Rising
09/18/90, George Hillstrom, double bass, Symphony

09/18/96, Stella Shang, violin, Reading
09/20/94, Danielle Dettling, viola, Concert
09/21/93, Jessica Jacobsen, voice, Voices Rising
09/21/95, Patrick Stineman, piano, Jazz Combo
09/22/89, Wills McKenna, tenor sax, Big Band & Combo