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Midwest Young Artists:
Building a Home
with the Power of Music
to Enrich the Lives
of our Students
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REMINDER: Season Ticket Orders – Last Call!

Some of you may have missed the deadline for submitting your Season Ticket orders. Here's one last chance! If you get your orders in this weekend (or postmarked by October 1), there is still time for our Parent Volunteers to process them and for you to take advantage of substantial savings on your tickets this year.

Sunday Soiree Series Begins: September 30, at 2:00 PM

Enjoy an hour of free chamber music on Sunday afternoons throughout the season at **Midwest Young Artists** for their popular **Sunday Soiree Series** beginning on **Sunday, September 30, at 2:00 PM**. The Sunday Soiree Series showcases talented students from MYA's award-winning chamber music program. For a comprehensive list of our Soiree Series, please visit the Concert & Events page at www.mya.org and click on Chamber Music or call 847-926-9898.

Saturday Parking at MYA

Important Parking Information: The Art Gallery located directly north of MYA has 8 reserved parking spaces adjacent to its building. Please do not park in these spaces on Saturday – cars may be ticketed and towed.

Mini Music College Fair on October 13 at MYA

We will have Admissions representatives at MYA from the Colburn School (Los Angeles) and Bard Conservatory (NY) on **Saturday, October 13**. They will have information tables and will be available to talk to parents and students.

A Midwinter's Night Dream, MYA's Benefit

We hope you can join us for MYA's 3rd Annual Benefit! The festivities begin at 6:30 PM at the Michigan Shores Club, Wilmette, on **Saturday, February 9, 2008**. Please watch for the auction donation forms that have been sent in the mail and return them at your earliest convenience – thanks!

MYA Family in Need!

This week the home of the family of Jovany Parra, one of our new Voices Rising members, was completely destroyed by fire. We are happy that they are safe, but saddened that they have lost everything.

Their immediate needs of food and clothing are being taken care of by the township, but of course they have so many other needs. Jovany's school is accepting donations of Target gift cards for the family. If you would like to help, you can bring a Target gift card to rehearsal this Sunday, or bring money and we will purchase the gift cards on your behalf. Either way, we will see that the help gets to Jovany and his family.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHORAL

Voices Rising

Check the date! We'll be polling Voices Rising members soon to see how many would be able to participate on a Voices Rising trip to New York City **March 13-15, 2008**. We anticipate an invitation soon, and will need to know how many performers will take part. Unfortunately, we can't give a firm cost for the trip until we know more details, but we think it will be less than a thousand dollars per person, and there will be ways to reduce your personal cost through fundraising and additional performing opportunities.

If everything works out according to plan, we would fly to New York on Thursday afternoon, March 13. Friday, March 14 would include two performances, some sightseeing, and taking in a Broadway show that night. We would return to Chicago on Saturday, March 16. Obviously, we have no firm times or other details at this point. Please check your calendars, think about the cost, and be ready to let us know your intent to participate. We hope everyone can go!

Chorale

Chorale Photos will be taken at **5:30 PM on Sunday, September 30**. Please make sure to wear all black and be on time! We want to do this outside while it's still good light and avoid as much as possible with conflicting rehearsals. (We share some personnel with Big Band!)

- ALL singers (choral and soloists) are to be at the rehearsal from 6-7 and that we will need to start with staging in the South rehearsal room? So please know the Orpheus music!

JAZZ

Pictures will be taken of all combos this year. Pictures will be taken on **October 9th and 11th**. Dress for combo students is formal - boys in dress pants, dress shirt, and tie (coat optional); girls in dress pants, dress blouse, or equivalent.

ORCHESTRA

Reading, Cadet, & Prep Orchestra Sectionals

Saturday Sectionals, **September 29 (Winds, Brass, Percussion)**

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

Saturday Sectionals, **October 6 (Strings only)**

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

Concert, Prep and Cadet Orchestra Seating Auditions

Seating auditions will take place during orchestra rehearsals!

Saturday, September 29

Violin I & II

Saturday, October 6

Viola, Cello & Bass

Saturday, October 13

Winds & Brass

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Volunteer Needs

- A 300 piece mailing needs to go out on Saturday! Please see Gena in the MYA office if you are able to help.
- We are looking for someone to give **Annie Chalex Boyle** a ride to O'Hare Airport at 5:00 PM. She has to catch a flight back to Michigan after coaching on the following Saturdays: **Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, Nov 3, Dec 1 and 8**. Please contact Gena if you are able to help out on any of these dates.
- We have two students who attend Lake Forest Academy as residential students. They need rides to and from MYA on Saturday for Symphony Orchestra and chamber music arriving by 11:00, and finishing up at 3:00. Does anyone go by LFA on Route 60? Please contact Gena Andreassen at genaandreassen@mya.org if you can.
- **Auction Solicitation Cheerleader** – This position will coordinate our efforts internally and externally. 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.
- **Auction Donation Coordinator** – This person will follow up on items that have been promised but not yet received, and be responsible for following up on items/certificates that have already been donated but need some "tweaking", such as an extension in the expiration date or an additional form that needs to be completed and sent back to the donor (contact Gena @ genaandreassen@mya.org).
- **Benefit Wrap-up Coordinator** We would like to have someone coordinate the volunteers at the conclusion of the benefit on February 9

DREAM WITH US!

Endowment Update

MYA relies on contributions from our families to make up the difference between what we earn as income (tuition, ticket sales, ad sales, etc.) and what our costs are each year. This year is especially important that we have everyone's help while we are in the Going Public stage of our "Dream with Us" Endowment campaign. We are scheduling meetings in homes to inform our parents of our plans throughout the year and hope to get a chance to reach out to everyone. We have not officially invited new families, but please feel free to join us!

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

10/2: 7:00 PM: Sharp Family, Wilmette
(thomas.s.sharp@smithbarney.com)

10/3: 7:00 PM: Butler Family, Lincolnshire (xmasiniowa@aol.com)

10/5: 7:00 PM: Berghoff Family, MYA (ktberghoff@aol.com)

10/6: 7:00 PM: Owens Family, Buffalo Grove (owenspan@aol.com)

10/7: 5:00 PM: Bogie Family, Evanston (jrbogie@comcast.net)

10/7: 3:00 PM: Rothstein Family, Deerfield (jrothstein@sidley.com)

10/7: 5:00 PM: Reagen Family, Skokie (violalady18@gmail.com)

10/8: 7:00 PM: Fuller Family, Evanston (jfuller@acifund.org)

10/9: 7:00 PM: Carson Family, Golf (mhcarson57@yahoo.com)

10/11: 7:00 PM: Feis Family, Winnetka (bfeis@seyfarth.com)

10/12: 7:00 PM: Fatum Family, Wilmette (Fatum@comcast.net)

10/12: 7:00 PM: Popp Family, Glencoe (cdrewspopp@comcast.net)

10/19: 7:00 PM: Andreassen Family, Deerfield (jandre@rdresearch.com)

If you are available to attend one of the meetings, please contact the host directly or T.J. Johnson in the MYA office.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

MYA Posting School Events

We would like to include a new section in our weekly Newsletter devoted to upcoming school events. Please let me know about your upcoming concerts, competitions, etc. – email susancook@mya.org.

Stevenson High School: Fall Orchestra Concert - Monday October 05 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center

Stevenson High School: Fall Choral Concert - Wednesday October 17 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center

Viking Middle School in Gurnee will play its Kick-Off Concert on Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 PM. Daniel Beckwith (Jazz Combo) is a member of the band.

Warren Township High School will host "Fill the Drum", a festival of marching bands from District 121 and its feeder districts, 56 and 50. Marching bands from Viking Middle School (Daniel Beckwith), Woodland Middle School, and the 2 marching bands from Warren (Andrew Beckwith, drum major; Juan Hernandez, Kenan Serenbetz, and Zach Schuetter) will perform their fall shows. Admission is a donation to the American Cancer Society. Last year "Fill the Drum" raised \$5,000 for charity.

Warren Marching Blue Devils will compete in the Chicagoland Band Festival at Wheeling High School on Saturday evening, September 29. MYA Warren Band members include Juan Hernandez, Kenan Serenbetz, Andrew Beckwith (drum major), and Zach Schuetter.

KUDOS & B-DAYS!

Kudos & Student News

♪ Josey Mintel, violin, is performing "Theme from Schindler's List" by John Williams (with Susan Heiserman on piano) in the University of Chicago Laboratory School Recital Night on October 18. She is also playing the same piece with Susan during the "Noontime Concert Series" sponsored by the University of Chicago Music Department on Nov. 1.

Member Birthdays!

09/30/90, Reid Swenson, guitar, Jazz Combo & violin, Symphony
09/30/92, Oliver Manheim, cello, Concert
10/01/92, Heather Funai, double bass, Symphony
10/02/94, Katie Ashcraft, double bass, Prep
10/03/94, Zachary Burritt, percussion, Chamber Music

10/04/91, Christian Schmidt, percussion, Symphony
10/04/91, Soomin Shin, violin, Symphony
10/05/90, Kate A. Izvanariu, double bass, Symphony
10/05/95, Boris Schwarzenbach, cello, Prep