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October 28th Concert at the Harris Theater - Spread the Word!

MYA kicks of the year with the first concert of its "Dream with Us" Season, ***The American Dream***, on **October 28, 2007, at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance** (205 E. Randolph Dr., Chicago) in Chicago's Millennium Park at 3:00 & 6:00 PM. Tickets may be purchased at the Harris Theater box office by calling 312.334.7777 or at www.harristheaterchicago.org.

Concert Reminders:

- It's only 3 weeks away!
- Spread the word – invite your teachers, grandparents, friends and family!
 - Check the calendar for "Dress Rehearsal" schedule

MYA's Master Class Series Begins October 14

MYA's Master Class Series has an exciting line-up of guest artists for October. Be sure to attend one, if not all of the following:

Sunday, October 14 at 12:00 PM

Zvi Zeitlin, violin, Distinguished Professor of Violin, Eastman School of Music

Saturday, October 20 at 2:00 PM

Prima Trio, 2007 Fischhoff Grand Prize Winners

Saturday, October 27 at 3:00 PM

Charlie Pikler, Principal Viola, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Kudos for October 28th Concert

If you would like to place a "Kudos" in the October 28 Concert Program insert, ad forms are available on the members page, or contact TJJohnson@mya.org. It's a great way to cheer on your friends and family and to support MYA!

Mini Music College Fair on October 13 at MYA

We will have Admission 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.

Spiritwear is Here!

MYA's new Spiritwear is on display in the lobby and makes for great holiday gifts! All orders must be placed by October 28, 2007.

MYA's Family Music FunFest Meeting

MYA has an exciting new fundraiser this May. A planning meeting is scheduled for **October 13 at 11:00 AM** – all those interested are welcome to come!

A Midwinter Night's Dream, MYA's Benefit

Raffle Items Wanted! MYA's annual raffle is always a big hit, but we need your help. We already have several GREAT prizes and need just a few more. Electronic items such as a flat screen TV, digital camera, noise canceling headphones, and an iPod make attractive prizes. We appreciate outright donations from you or a store which you frequent. Also, if you have any connections and would like us to pursue the item, we'd love to hear from you - please contact Gena in the MYA office at 847.926.9898.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHORAL

Voices Rising

Remember to check the website for rehearsal music tracks! New ones are being added quite often now. Use them to learn and memorize your music...all of our "Welcome, Yule!" music must be memorized by November 11!!!

If you can help record rehearsal tracks this **Friday evening, October 5, from 7 to 9 p.m.** at Mr. Fry's studio in Northfield, contact him right away (email GaryFry@mya.org). We could still use a few more singers!!

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

Chorale

Reminder: All Chorale members need to wear pajamas and tennis shoes this week. Girls need to have their hair in ponytails or braided.

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

What are sectionals? It is when rehearsals are held with specific sections of the orchestra. Students are encouraged to attend sectionals as more time can be devoted to a students' specific part and students also receive one make-up credit for attending.

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, October 6

Viola, Cello & Bass

Saturday, October 13

Winds & Brass

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Thank you!

Thank you to the many people who have jumped in with enthusiasm to share their volunteer time!

- **Hannah Andreasen/Sym, Ian Daugherty/Con, Omar Kaufman/Con, Pam Owens** (Elisabeth/Sym, Ellyn/Read/Chor, & Aryn/Read/Chor), **Liz Leman** (Jason/Con & Cad), **Valerie Shapiro** (Jake/Combo) helped with the Parent meetings.
- **Judith Horwitz** (Marcello Molinaro/JazzO) entered data for the Auctions.
- **Cathy Popp** (Zach/Sym), **Ann Feeney** (Ian/JazzE), **Lisa Peterman** (Andy/JazzE), **Kathy Pappas** (Estelle/Prep & Ian/Con), **Mary Syc** (Katie/VR), **Cynthia Funai** (Heather/Sym & Colin/Sym), **Tom Sharp** (Andrew/Con, Madeline/Alum & Courtney/Alum), **Adina Samulsohn** (Ariel Chapman/Con & Raphael/Prep), **Diane Naftzger** (Devon/Con/Sym) met to plan for the February Benefit.
- **Alison Bartusiak** (Elizabeth/Read & Emily/Cad) met to begin the planning stages of the Fun Fest.
- **James and Jane Becks** (Mary Clare/Chor), **Niels Heemskerk** (Melissa/Chor), **Jennifer Bauer** (Eric/Sym), **Cathy Popp** (Zach/Sym), **Jacqui Pritchard** (Dan/Con), **Rosann Park Jones** (Emily/Con, Rachel/Con, Carrie/Con), **Joy Piao** (Chris Gao/Prep/Con), **Kathy Amato** (Jack/Sym) helped with our mailing.
- **Heidi Locker-Scheer** (Tiffany/VR), **Amy Mintz** (Talia/Con), **Jo Beckwith** (Andrew/BB/Sym & Daniel/Combo), **Julie Serenbetz** (Kenan/JazzO) worked the Spiritwear sample table and accepted order forms.
- **Cynthia Funai** (Heather/Sym & Colin/Sym), **Donna Poucher** (Josh/Con), **Lali Watt** (Dale/Prep, Liah/Prep/VR, & Rian/Con) helped with season tickets.
- **Ian Watt** (Dale/Prep, Liah/Prep/VR, & Rian/Con) and **Jacqui Pritchard** (Dan/Con) for helping with member password sign up.
- **Joan Matthews** (Lauren Williams/Sym), **Kate Householder** (Grace/Con) **Nina Simpson** (Shane/JazzO), **Diane Thoms** (Billy/Sym & Johnny/Prep), **Teresa Lin** (Henry Lin/Con), **Jo Beckwith** (Andrew/BB/Sym & Daniel/Combo), **Lisa Ramsey** (Greta/Prep, Soren/Cad, & Lydia/Sym), **Melinda Hoiland** (Britta/Con), **Mary Lou Feick** (Hannah/Sym), **Patty Brand** (Cordelia/Con), **Debbie Goldstein** (Mia/VR) baked delicious treats for our concession stand.
- **Terre Berg** (Tom/JazzO), **Derek Brand** (Cordelia/Con), **Susan Chang** (Stella Tu/Con & Victoria/Cad/Prep), **Al Chou** (Audtry Chou/Con), **Kristi Gardner** (Jen/Sym), **Melinda & Joel Hoiland** (Britta/Con), **Paige James** (Casey Blue/Sym), **Ian Pappas/Con**, **Rosann Park Jones** (Emily/Con, Rachel/Con, Carrie/Con), **Marcy Griffith-Petros** (Sophie/Read & Zoe/Cad), **Nina Simpson** (Shane/JazzO), **Vito Fiore** (Alissa/Cad), **Marcia Rovani**, **Christine Rovani/VR/Con**, **Chris Ramsey** (Greta/Prep, Soren/Cad, & Lydia/Sym), **David Wells** (Erin/Con) sold concessions this month.
- **Tammy Lathan** (Megan/Con), **Brian Love** (Spencer/Sym), **Ruth Pikler** (Amy/Sym) recorded seating auditions.
- **David & Gretchen Livingston** (Clara/Cad), **Connie Mason** (Eugene/Con & Lina/Alum) picked up bagels.
- **Liz Leman** (Jason/Con & Cad), **Sue Meehan** (Sean/JazzE & Shannon/Cad), **Diane Thoms** (Billy/Sym & Johnny/Prep), **Mary Anne Donahue** (Grace/Read, Kevin/Read, Conor/Cad, & Mary Rose/Cad) Helped make Photo Day run smoothly.
- **Liz Leman** (Jason/Con & Cad), **Natalie Jacobsen** (Elisabeth/Sym & Jessica/VR) are helping to coordinate Adopt a school.
- **Don Tunkl** (Aliza/Alum) Cared for our fish and replaced light bulbs.
- **Cynthia Hallas** (Ian/Sym) arranged the Soiree reception.

We apologize if we have left off anyone who has volunteered. Please be sure to fill out the volunteer log in the office or on line at

<http://www.mya.org/support/volunteer.php>.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Adopt a School Volunteers**, please give your teacher/s a season brochure and offer complimentary tickets to the teachers. Teacher ticket order forms are available in the office or on our website.
- Work the **Spiritwear** samples table and accept orders in the lobby on Saturdays and Sundays. Please email Heidi Locker-Scheer hlockerscheer@sbcglobal.net if you can 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: **Dec 1**. Please contact Gena if you are able to help out on any of these dates.
- Distinguished Professor of Violin at Eastman School of Music, Zvi Zeitlin is doing a master class on Sunday, October 14, and we are looking for someone to pick him up at 10:30 AM and give him a ride to MYA for the 12:00 master class. He is staying at the Blake Hotel, 500 S. Dearborn, Chicago. He should be picked up by 10:30 to allow for construction traffic. Please let Gena know if you can do this genaandreasen@mya.org.
- **Auction Solicitation Co-Cheerleader** – We have a person to share this position of coordinating our efforts internally. 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.
- **Benefit Wrap-up Coordinator** - We would like to have someone coordinate the volunteers at the conclusion of the benefit on February 9

Please return the **Auction Postcards** that were sent in the mail as soon as possible. They are starting to come in. Don't let yours be last! We have additional cards available in the office if you have misplaced yours.

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

10/6: 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: Andreasen 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. If you need an address, directions or more information, please call 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.

Niles West High School will be hosting their 2nd Annual Orchestra Odyssey on **Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 PM**. This orchestra festival includes students from Parkview, Culver, Fairview, Lincoln and Lincoln Hall Middle Schools, as well as orchestras from Niles West High School. The guest conductor is Charlie Abplanalp from Evanston High School.

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.

Niles Township Fine Arts Gala: A Gala Concert featuring an honors orchestra, band, choir, jazz band and jazz choir made up of students from Niles West and Niles North High Schools will take place on **Saturday, October 13, 2007** at the Northshore Center for Performing Arts. Jazz artist, Diane Schurr will be performing with the honors orchestra and Dr. William Jones from the University of Iowa will be guest conducting. (Ann Lee, Spencer Love, Hillary Lindwall and Uriel Rotstein are members of the Gala Orchestra).

Stevenson High School: Fall Choral Concert: **Wednesday October 17 @ 7:30 PM** in the Performing Arts Center.

Niles West High School: Fall Orchestra Concert: **Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 7:30 PM**.

KUDOS & B-DAYS!

Member Birthdays!

10/07/93, James Hanford, violin, Concert

10/07/94, Julie Kwak, violin, Concert

10/07/95, David Berghoff, viola, Prep & Concert

10/08/90, Eric Bauer, horn, Symphony

10/08/90, Lauren Sandoval, viola, Symphony

10/08/97, Victoria Tu, violin, Cadet & Prep

10/08/91, Michael Cadiz, cello, Symphony

10/08/89, Olivia Price, horn, Symphony

10/09/91, Michael Garrett, percussion, Chamber Music

10/08/96, Callie Garner, violin, Prep

10/11/90, Ivan Arden, tenor sax, Jazz Orchestra

10/10/92, Zack Rapp, violin, Concert

10/11/94, Zoe Ann Petros, violin, Cadet

10/12/95, Arighno Das, violin, Prep

10/13/94, Michaela Wellems, violin, Concert

10/13/95, Michelle Sweeney, cello, Cadet

10/13/89, Casey Blue James, violin, Symphony