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MYA's Weekly News

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Midwest Young Artists:

Building a Home  
with the Power of Music  
to Enrich the Lives  
of our Students  
and Community

## October 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.harristheaterchicago.org).

### CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

#### October 28, 2007 - HARRIS THEATER

9:45 Symphony, Concert backstage @ 10:15  
10:45 Concert, Prep backstage  
11:15 Prep dress, Cadet backstage  
11:45 Cadet dress, Reading backstage  
12:15 Reading dress, Jazz Ensemble backstage  
12:45 Voices Rising dress  
1:15 Chorale dress  
1:45 Jazz Ensemble dress, Jazz Orchestra backstage  
2:15 Jazz Orchestra  
2:30 set up for 3:00 concert (stage left: Prep Orchestra; stage right: Jazz)  
3:00 Concert (Reading, Cadet, Prep, Voices Rising, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra)  
4:30 Big Band backstage  
5:00 Big Band dress  
5:30 set up for 6:00 concert  
6:00 concert (Symphony, Chorale, Big Band)

*I, Dr. D, cannot encourage you enough to attend the other concert that you do not play in on October 28. Please support your younger/older colleagues with your attendance. MYA's philosophy is to 1. make the finest music possible, 2. learn/teach that in a nurturing educational environment, 3. be involved in a socially supportive group of colleagues and 4. operate in a fiscally responsible way. Attending the other concert is important to fulfill the 3rd part of that philosophy. Please get your free ticket and be at BOTH concerts on October 28!*

*Sincerely, Dr. D*

## MYA's Master Class Series Presents Zvi Zeitlin

**This Sunday, October 14, 12:00 – 2:00 PM**

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

**All students and parents are encouraged to attend!**

### Program

Michaela Wellems, violin

*Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor*, Felix Mendelssohn

Ryan Murphy, violin; Stanley Moore, cello; Brian Chang, piano

*Piano Quartet in G minor, Op. 25*, by Johannes Brahms

Autumn Chodorowski, violin; Rebecca Rudy, viola; Austin Fisher, cello; Christopher Owen, piano

## Sunday Soiree: October 14 at 2:00 PM

MYA's Sunday Soiree Series continues this weekend at 2:00 PM. This is a great way to enjoy a free hour of chamber music in a relaxing and homey environment. Bring your family and friends and hear members from MYA's award-winning chamber music program. Go to MYA's Concert & Events page for program information.

## Kudos for October 28<sup>th</sup> 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 [TJJJohnson@mya.org](mailto:TJJJohnson@mya.org). It's a great way to cheer on your friends and family and to support MYA! Deadline for Kudos is Sunday, October 21.

## Mini Music College Fair this Weekend: October 13

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. Parents and students are encouraged to talk with them!

## 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 happening this weekend, **October 13 at 12:00 PM** – all those interested are welcome to come!

## A Special Thank You!

Jovany Parra's family expressed their profound gratitude when we delivered the contributions made by MYA families to Oak Terrace School on Tuesday this week. "*Muchas gracias a todos estamos agradecidos que dios los bendiga y lesde mas. Gracias, Familia Parra*"

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### PROGRAM INFORMATION

## CHORAL

### Voices Rising

**Practice "Santa, You Da Man"!!** The rehearsal files are posted on the website. It will speed up our Sunday rehearsals immensely, we'll sound better, and everyone will have more fun if YOU know your part-- and it's not hard if you just sing along with the rehearsal track for your part over and over!

**Auditions for Recorder and "God Bless America" parts this week!** If you are interested in playing the recorder part for "In Dreams," or the featured descant of "God Bless America" in *Dreaming the American Dream*, come prepared to try out this Sunday. Remember that "God Bless America" has different rhythms (and a few different notes) than what you might be used to-- listen to the reference recording from the website and be sure you know how it is supposed to sound!

### Chorale

All singers should wear PJs and sneakers this Sunday and be prepared to use all props/costume pieces. Girl's hair needs to be in pigtails, ponytails or braids.

## ORCHESTRA

### Concert

Selected Concert Orchestra Strings and Horn will rehearse "In Dreams" with Voices Rising on **Sunday, October 21, at 4:45 PM** in the South Rehearsal Hall. It will not take more than fifteen minutes. See Dr. D. Our dress rehearsal onstage is Sunday, October 28, at 12:45 PM and of course, it's on the 3:00 PM Concert.

### Concert, Prep and Cadet Orchestra Seating Auditions

Seating auditions will take place during orchestra rehearsals!

**Saturday, October 13 – Final Day of Auditions, Fall Semester**

Winds & Brass

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### VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Family Music FunFest** is meeting **Saturday, October 13 at 12:00**. All are welcome to come and share your ideas. We will meet in the lobby or on the porch if the weather is nice.
- **PVO meeting** is **Sunday, October 14 at 5:30**. One of our topics will be to discuss the upcoming concerts. Please join us!
- **Distinguished Violin Professor, Zvi Zeitlin at Eastman School of Music** 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, and would like to return directly after the master class. Please let Gena know if you can help out [genaandreasen@mya.org](mailto:genaandreasen@mya.org).
- **Adopt a School Volunteers**, please be sure to turn in your teacher's complimentary ticket orders by October 14.
- Work the **Spiritwear** samples table and accept orders in the lobby on Saturdays and Sundays. Please email Heidi Locker-Scheer [hlockerscheer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hlockerscheer@sbcglobal.net) if you can help. Orders are due by October 28.
- We are looking for one more ride to O'Hare Airport for Annie Chalex Boyle. She has to catch a flight back to Michigan at 5:00 after coaching on Dec 1. Please contact Gena if you are able to help out.
- We are looking for parents to bake/bring goodies to the Soiree on **Sunday, October 14 and 21**. Please email Cynthia Hallas if you are able to do so at [challas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:challas@sbcglobal.net).
- Please contact Gena [genaandreasen@mya.org](mailto:genaandreasen@mya.org) to help out **back stage** at Harris Theater on our October 28 concert.
- We need the following people to help out with the Harris Theater Concert.

#### Stage Door

9:15 to 12:00 – 2 adults

12:00 to 3:00 – 2 adults

4:30 to 5:45 – 2 adults

**Back Stage with Ensembles** during dress rehearsal and performance. We would like you to sit with the ensemble when they are not playing during the concert.

Reading (36) – 5 adults

Cadet (56) – 7 adults  
Prep (62) – 5 adults  
Concert (109) – 2 adults  
Jazz Ensemble (16) – 2 adults  
Jazz Orchestra (22) – 2 adults  
Voices Rising (52) – 5 adults  
Symphony (132) – 2 adults (During rehearsal only)  
Big Band & Opera (20) – 2 adults (During rehearsal only)

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.

Don't forget to fill out the volunteer log, so both you and MYA get credit for your volunteer time. You can sign the clip board in the office, or fill out the form on line at <http://www.mya.org/support/volunteer.php> - Thanks.

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*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

10/19: 7:00 PM: Andreasen Family, Deerfield ([jandre@rdresearch.com](mailto:jandre@rdresearch.com))

If you are available to attend a meeting, please contact Donna Feltner or T.J. Johnson in the MYA office. If you need an address, directions or more information, please call the MYA office.

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## *UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS*

### MYA Posting School Events

We are including 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](mailto:susancook@mya.org).

**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 at 7:30 PM** in the Performing Arts Center.

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

**Highland Park High School:** Choral Showcase: **Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 PM.**

**Buffalo Grove High School:** District 21 Orchestra Festival, BGHS Miller Theater, **Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00PM.**

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## *KUDOS & B-DAYS!*

### Kudos

♪ **Anna Samudovsky** (oboe, Prep), auditioned for Junior High IMEA last Saturday and was selected for 1st Chair Oboe. Anna's instructor is Suzanne Engold. Anna attends Lake Zurich MiddleSchool North and her band instructor is Steven Stenzel.

♪ Congratulations to MYA National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists: **Willy Haffner** (cello/Sym), **Matt Kalish** (viola/piano/Sym), **Eric Bauer** (horn/Sym),

**Ford Culver** (horn/CM), **Austin Culver** (tuba/CM), **Andrew Heaton** (guitar/JCombo), **Lauren Mitchell** (oboe/Sym), **Brian Armstrong** (cello/Sym),

**Audrey Snyder** (cello/Sym).

♪ **Alan Snow** (violin/Con) received 2<sup>nd</sup> chair (assistant concertmaster) at the Junior High IMEA auditions.

### Member Birthdays!

10/14/94, Maudie Brown, voice, Voices Rising

10/14/91, Caitlyn Trevor, cello, Symphony

10/14/93, James Gan Stinehart, cello, Concert

10/14/90, Andrea Sterenstein, bassoon, Symphony

10/14/92, Tylee Lin, violin, Symphony

10/15/95, Kayla Michaels, violin, Prep

10/15/98, Judith Rodriguez, voice, Choristers

10/16/91, Nina Stoneham, voice, Chorale

10/16/96, Carissa McQuaid, violin, Prep

10/17/89, Ellen Mangan, harp, Symphony

10/18/91, Jason Song, violin, Symphony

10/19/89, Melissa Meyer, violin, Chamber