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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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October 28th Concert at the Harris Theater – Next Weekend!

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.

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 includes being involved in creating a socially supportive group of colleagues for all MYA ensembles so please get your free ticket and be at BOTH concerts on October 28!

Sincerely, Dr. D

Harris Theater Parking Information

There is a Bears game in Chicago on concert day, so please make sure that you park in the Millennium Park garage off of Columbus in order to receive parking at \$20. If you park for less than 6 hours, you can purchase a parking voucher for \$11 at the Harris Theater box office. The box office opens at noon and is open until after intermission of the 6 p.m. concert. Please allow an extra hour or so with the Edens construction, so that you arrive in plenty of time.

Parking & Driving Directions:

From the south or north on Lake Shore Drive, use the Randolph Street exit and turn west. Take a left onto Columbus Drive, move to the right lane and follow signs into the Millennium Park Garage.

From the south or north on Michigan Avenue, turn east onto Randolph Drive and move to the center lane. This lane becomes the down-ramp to middle Randolph. At the bottom of the ramp, turn right at the first stoplight, onto Columbus Drive and follow signs into the Millennium Park Garage.

Once inside the Millennium Park Garage, please follow signs that direct you toward the Randolph Street Pedestrian Exit. Parking levels 2 and 3 North offer the most convenient access to the Theater. Take the parking garage elevator to level 2.5 and enter directly into the Harris Theater Orchestra Lobby.

Parking spaces reserved for those requiring special access are available near the Randolph Street Pedestrian Exit at level 2.

Dress Rehearsal – what does this mean?

Students do not need to wear their concert attire for dress rehearsals – students may change into their concert attire at Harris. Students, however, **MUST** be at the dress rehearsal in order to participate in the concert!

MYA's Master Class Series Presents Prima Trio

This Saturday, October 20, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Prima Trio, 2007 Fischhoff Grand Prize Winners

All students and parents are encouraged to attend!

Sunday Soiree Series Presents

Sunday Afternoon at the Opera: Sunday, October 21st

If you love the Opera, you won't want to miss this one time event showcasing members of Midwest Young Artists' Chorale as they perform selections from several different genres. The Concert is this Sunday, October 21 at 2:00 PM and is free and open to the public. Program information is available on the Concerts & Events Page at www.mya.org.

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! Deadline for Kudos is Sunday, October 21.

November Faculty & Friends Concert – Please R.S.V.P on-line!

Midwest Young Artists is thrilled to present Carrie Dennis, Principal Viola, Berlin Philharmonic, MYA Alum and Dr. & Mrs. D's Daughter, for a very special Faculty & Friends concert.

When: Friday, November 23 at 7:30 PM

Where: MYA Center at Ft. Sheridan

Cost: Free by Reservation

Please request an invitation at MYA's Concerts & Events page by clicking on "Faculty & Friends" and at the top and click on "Request an Invitation". Spots are filling quickly, please respond by November 1, 2007.



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**.

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 last week and we wanted to share the translation in English. "*Muchas gracias a todos estamos agradecidos que dios los bendiga y lesde mas. Gracias, Familia Parra*" (Thank you so very much to all of you. We are grateful and ask God to bless you and to reward your goodness. Thank you, the Parra Family.)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHORAL

Voices Rising

Concert dress - think ahead! Be sure that you have your **all-black** performance outfit for our October 28 concert at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance at Millennium Park. If you ordered a new MYA black polo shirt, it will be distributed this week.

Gary Fry, director of MYA's Voices Rising, recently conducted the Honors Concert Choir, the Honors Jazz Choir, and the Honors Orchestra and Chorus for a gala concert by Illinois District 219 (Niles North and Niles West High Schools). The District was celebrating being awarded recognition as the Nation's #1 High School Fine Arts Program, given by the Kennedy Center/National Association of School Boards. Mr. Fry, in addition to conducting several of his works with the groups, also conducted the Honors Jazz Choir as the backing group for Grammy-award-winning jazz vocalist Diane Schuur. The evening concluded with the premiere performance of Mr. Fry's work "comejoinedhance," commissioned by District 219 for the Honors Orchestra and Chorus especially for this event.

Chorale

All singers (except chorus) involved in Oct. 21 Opera Scenes Performance should be prepared to begin Dress Rehearsal in concert black at 11:30. We will run the show in order. Everyone needs to be seated with props in the South Rehearsal Room (front row is reserved) by 11:30. No excused absences or late walk-ins. We will change into PJs for the second half of the show. Chorus should arrive in PJs at 12:45. Please enter quietly as we will need to stay focused on the stage. Thank you!

Mr. Fry and Dan Gregorsen of Niles North H.S. will be working with Chorale students during Quarter II with a Jazz Chorus that will perform on the December 15 concerts at the Harris Theater.

JAZZ

All Tuesday combos are cancelled this week on **October 22**.

Congratulations to those students that placed in the Senior IMEA Jazz Auditions: **Neil Carson** (saxophone/BB/Chor); **Andy Quinn** (saxophone/BB), **Nickolas Kaplan** (trumpet/BB); **Michael Solotke** (trombone/BB/Sym); **Patrick Kennedy** (piano/Combo); **Ethan Kogan** (drum set/BB); **Allison Schafernak** (saxophone/Combo & clarinet/Sym); **Joshua Plotner** (saxophone/JazzO); **Will McKenna** (saxophone/BB/Combo); **Michael Fatum** (trumpet/BB/Sym/Combo); **John Klaess** (trumpet/BB/Combo); **Kyle Licocci** (trumpet/BB/Combo); **Brandon McQuaid** (trombone/BB/Sym); **Ryan Diefenderfer** (trombone/BB); **Jacob Shapiro** (piano/Combo); **Drew Banzhaf** (double bass/Combo/Sym); **John Fatum** (drumset/Combo & percussion/Sym); **Natalie Lande** (saxophone/BB); **Keenan Serenbetz** (saxophone/JazzO/Combo); **Matt Kalish** (piano/Combo & viola/Sym); **Andrew Heaton** (guitar/Combo); **Ivan Arden** (saxophone/JazzO); **Andrew Beckwith** (saxophone/BB & clarinet/Sym); **Bryan Jarrett** (drum set/JazzO/Combo).

ORCHESTRA

Symphony

Congratulations to those students that placed in the District Senior IMEA Orchestra Auditions: **Autumn Chodorowski**, 1st violin; **Dana Debofsky**, 1st violin; **Stephanie Doong**, 2nd violin; **Tylee Lin**, 1st violin; **Melissa Meyer**, 1st violin; **Ryan Murphy**, 2nd violin; **Evelyn O'Connell**, 1st violin; **Meredith Peacock**, 1st

violin; **Amy Pikler**, 1st violin; **Christine Rovani**, 2nd violin; **Hanna Woo**, 2nd violin (Asst. Principal); **Natalia Badziak**, viola (Asst. Principal); **Anthony Chiodo**, viola; **Jeremy Krifka**, viola; **Lydia Ramsey**, viola; **Uriel Rotstein**, viola; **Lauren Sandoval**, viola; **Tess Smith**, viola; **Hannah Andreasen**, cello; **Austin Fisher**, cello; **Audrey Snyder**, cello; **Drew Banzhaf**, double bass, **Dan Carson**, double bass; **George Hilstrom**, double bass; **Cameron Shenassa**, double bass; **Ellen Mangan**; harp.

Concert

Selected Concert Orchestra Strings and Horn will rehearse "In Dreams" with Voices Rising this **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 on stage is Sunday, October 28, at 12:45 PM and of course, it's on the 3:00 PM Concert.

Prep & Cadet

I am becoming aware of much anxiety amongst the students and parents concerning seating auditions in the Cadet and Prep orchestras. Please allow me to outline my philosophy of seating auditions, particularly at this age:

- Provides a level of consistency within the rehearsal (where to sit, outside vs. inside parts for divisi)
- Provides ranking so that students can see how they fit in with the rest of their section.
- Allows the student to set goals for future auditions.
- Gives the students/parents assistance in determining whether or not the student is ready to audition for the next ensemble level
- Prepares them for this process in Concert and Symphony Orchestra
- Models the professional world
- Provides a means of evaluation
- Provides incentive for individual practice

Seating auditions are not required, but strongly encouraged so that:

- Students will experience solo playing for recitals, master classes, and future auditions
- The director and the students will have a tool to measure their ability and progress
- Each student is accountable for their individual part, which in turn, makes the orchestra better

Thank you, Mr. Pearson

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Volunteer Opportunities

- We are looking for parents to bake/bring goodies to the Soiree on Sunday, **October 21** and **November 11**. Please email Cynthia Hallas if you are able to do so challas@sbcglobal.net.
- **Adopt a School** – Please be sure to deliver the comp tickets to your teachers. If you haven't received them yet, please contact Donna Schardt at donnaschardt@mya.org.
- **Truck Loading**
 1. **Symphony members and parents** - We will be loading the truck immediately **after** the 3:00 Symphony rehearsal **Saturday, October 27**. Please help! Mr. Badziak will be supervising the loading.
 2. **Sunday Evening** – After the concert we need 3 – 4 volunteers to help unload the truck back at MYA. The truck should arrive around **8:30 PM**. Please contact Gena (genaandreasen@mya.org) or Andre Badziak (abadziak@arrow.com) if you are available to help.
- **Stage Door**
 - 9:15 to 12:00 – **1 adult**
 - 12:00 to 3:00 – **2 adults**
 - 4:30 to 5:45 – **1 adult**
- **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. **We still need people for the following ensembles!** Contact Gena (genaandreasen@mya.org).
 - Cadet (56) – **4 adults**
 - Prep (62) – **3 adults**
 - Jazz Ensemble (16) – **1 adult**
 - Jazz Orchestra (22) – **1 adult**
 - Voices Rising (52) – **5 adults**
 - Symphony (132) – **1 adult** (During rehearsal only)
- **Take orders for spirit wear**
 - 3:00 Concert - **2 adults** to sell ½ hour before and during intermission
 - 6:00 Concert - **2 adults** to sell ½ hour before and during intermission
- **Sell Raffle Tickets** (As many students who want to help)
 - 3:00 Concert - **3 people** to sell ½ hour before and during intermission
 - 6:00 Concert - **3 people** to sell ½ hour before and during intermission

Please return the **Auction Postcards** as soon as possible.

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

Endowment Update

If you're wondering why the stars are in the hallway of the MYA Center, it's our way of drawing attention to our endowment campaign goal of 100% participation by MYA families. By May 31st we hope all the stars (which represent MYA families) are on the west side of the hallway. Thank you to Ian and Lali Watt (Dale(cello/Prep), Liah(clarinet/Prep & voice/VR), Rian(violin/Con) for the idea, to Mary Baukert (Hannah(violin/Con) for creating the stars and to David Livingston (Clara(violin/Prep) for his creative installation.

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.

Warren Blue Devils Marching Band competes in Illinois State Marching Contest at Illinois State University, **Saturday, October 20.**

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

Lake Forest High School: Band Concert, **Tuesday, October 23.**

Northbrook Junior High School: Chamber Orchestra Student Recital, Greenbriar Auditorium, **Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 PM.**

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

Lake Forest High & Middle Schools: Choral Festival, Lake Forest High School, **Wednesday, October 24.**

Northbrook Junior High School: Beginning Band Demo Concert, Northbrook Junior HS Gym, **Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 PM.**

New Trier High School: Fall Festival of Winds I Concert, Gaffney Auditorium, **Friday, October 26 at 7:30 PM**, tickets \$3.

District 214 Honors Orchestra Concert, Buffalo Grove High School Theater, **Sunday, October 28 at 3:00 PM.**

Northbrook Junior High School: District 28 Music Faculty Recital, Greenbriar Auditorium, **Monday, October 29 at 7:00 PM.**

New Trier High School: Fall Festival of Winds II Concert, Gaffney Auditorium, **Tuesday, October 30 at 7:30 PM**, tickets \$3.

Lake Forest High & Middle Schools: Band Festival, Lake Forest High School, **Tuesday, October 30.**

KUDOS & B-DAYS!

Kudos

- ♪ **Ariel Chapman** (viola/Con/Sym) principal viola, Junior High IMEA auditions.
- ♪ **Tyler Katz** (violin/Con) 1st violin section, Junior High IMEA auditions.
- ♪ **Theodore Mavrakis** (clarinet/Prep) made Junior High IMEA auditions.
- ♪ **Shawn Moore** ('06 Alum) featured soloist with the American Symphony at Bard College, October 26 & 27.
- ♪ **Christine Murphy** (flute/Sym) participant in October 21st, Chicago Chamber Musicians pre-concert master class with Mathieu Dufour.

Member Birthdays!

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| 10/21, Cristina Roy, violin, Symphony | 10/25, Charlie Morris, trumpet, Jazz Ensemble |
| 10/21, Christopher Wellems, trumpet, Concert | 10/25, Paige Affinito, violin, Prep |
| 10/23, Ian Hallas, double bass, Symphony | 10/25, Justin Doong, violin, Concert |
| 10/24, Tom Haile, violin, Concert | 10/26, Sean Obrochta, violin, Reading |
| 10/24, Dominique Bloink, viola, Prep | 10/27, Jared Munsterman, voice, Choristers |
| 10/25, Joseph Samuels, trombone, Symphony | |