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WOW! GREAT CONCERTS!

Congratulations to all the ensembles for their performances on Sunday at the Harris Theater. I (Dr.D) was REALLY PROUD of all you!

- The Cadet and Prep Orchestras are greatly improved.
- The Reading Orchestra has maintained its exciting quality.
- The Concert Orchestra is solid and did Beethoven proud.
- The Symphony Orchestra continues to be something special and our "flagship" orchestra. Mahler was OUTSTANDING – professional level playing! The best 1st concert we've ever had at MYA.
- The Big Band is to the Jazz Program what Symphony is to the Orchestra Program – something we all should be proud of as it examples the best of what MYA is all about – the highest quality music performed by the most talented youth of the area!
- The Jazz Orchestra is what the Big Band was last year!
- The Jazz Ensemble is what the Jazz Orchestra was last year!
- The Opera Workshop was a WONDERFUL addition and displayed the musical variety and quality that MYA offers students in our Programs.
- Trio Pathos was such a musical and inspirational addition to the 3:00 concert. It displayed the educational quality that makes up MYA – outstanding students, dedicated and inspirational teachers and meaningful opportunities.

I also thought moving the 6:00 concert up from 7:30 was a good move. It made it easier for families to come to both events and allowed students to get home early on a school night. Please realize that we have little or no choice in when we can schedule concerts and we try to avoid Sundays, if possible.

The only issue I had with the day was that the first half of the 3:00 concert was too long so many students did not hear the 2nd half. Parents, please realize that your children will learn a great deal by watching their older colleagues perform. When you pick them up early and leave the concert early the message they get is 1.) it's OK to only attend when you are directly involved, 2.) we are too busy as a family to really take advantage of this opportunity to reinforce your musical interests, 3.) the concert is only for you to perform, not to learn from others. How would your child feel if everyone left when they were about to play?

The third "aspect" of MYA's Philosophy – that we provide a socially supportive environment for all our students – is most directly affected by students leaving early. Just as every family supports every person in that family, everyone should support every other child's musical interests as well.

I (Dr. D) want you to let me know your thoughts on this subject and I will work with the Parent Volunteer Organization to be responsive to your issues and, at the same time, encourage an environment that promotes providing a socially supportive atmosphere at MYA.

- Allan Dennis

Two Very Special Farewells!

TJ to become the Development Officer of Corporate and Foundation Gifts at Children's Memorial Hospital

Watching your children grow up and become productive members of society is one of the greatest blessings in life. I (Dr D) feel that strongly as I tell you that TJ Johnson is leaving MYA to become the Development Officer of Corporate and Foundation Gifts at Children's Memorial Hospital. For those of you that don't know, TJ was a member of MYA when he was a senior in high school. I had actually met him when I used to conduct at the American Suzuki Institute during summers. In fact, I worked with his older brother, Greg – now married with a beautiful daughter, and Matt, his younger brother. Karen and I know his parents, wonderful people! We recommended Millikin for him to go to school. We hired him to be a camp counselor between his junior and senior years and then, when he finished school, we hired him to be a "general helper" in the office. I asked to see some of his writing and it was clear, concise and to the point, just like he is. I assigned him to do some smaller grants and he did an excellent job. Then the BIG one – TJ wrote the National Endowment Grant we have received for a number of years. He has come to embrace "development" as his professional career. Incidentally, he also formats and puts together our concert programs. His contribution to MYA goes beyond that.... he cleans the building every week!!! It goes without saying that we will miss him professionally but wish him the very best! I must add that I will miss him, personally, tremendously!

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

Donna Jo to become a Job Coach with Special Education District of Lake County

Donna Feltner joined MYA over four years ago. We knew Donna through her oldest son, Ben, a bassoonist and jazz bassist. My first memory of Donna was organizing the 10 year concert celebration at Symphony Center. She is a master of organization and it was evident she was someone we wanted to have help us at MYA. She has since moved into organizing our development (fund-raising) efforts and, with the departure of both she and TJ, our "development team" has a big "hole" in it. Donna is particularly qualified to take on the role of **Job Coach of Special Education District of Lake County** as her second son, Matthew, a tall, handsome and very special person, will be attending the same programs.

Remember, as I (Dr.D) tell all graduating seniors, you'll ALWAYS have a home at MYA!!!

GOOD LUCK DONNA AND TJ, WE'LL MISS YOU!!!

Cleaning the MYA Building

So, as you read above, TJ will not be cleaning the building any more. The cleaning schedule includes 1.) a "light" cleaning Saturday late afternoon/early Sunday and 2.) a major cleaning on Tuesday. If you know of someone who we should consider to get a quote from, we would appreciate you letting me (Dr.D) know by having them email me (allandennis@mya.org) indicating their interest.

Dreamland – An Evening of Jazz

On **Friday, November 9 at 7:00 PM**, wind down your evening with a concert of exhilarating music at the MYA Center featuring the students from MYA's Jazz Program. Recognized as the leading youth jazz ensemble program in the city of Chicago, the evening will feature MYA's outstanding Jazz Combos under the direction of Nic Meyer. The concert is free and open to the public.

MYA's Master Class Series Presents Barbara Butler, Trumpet

Saturday, November 10 at 3:00 PM

Barbara Butler, Trumpet Professor, Northwestern University and member Chicago Chamber Musicians. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the States most renowned trumpet pedagogues! Students and Parents are encouraged to attend!!

Needed: Computers for Music Theory Listening Lab!!

Looking for a home for your old PC? We are looking for computers to expand our music theory listening lab. Full systems would be nice, but we can work with almost any components to build more work stations: monitors, keyboards, mice and CPUs. It doesn't matter what operating system is on the computer as long as it is PC platform.

A Special Performance by MYA Jazz Members

Members **Andrew Clinkman**, **Andrew Banzhaf** and **John Fatum** of MYA's Thursday 8:00 Jazz Combo will be performing for a Premiere and Benefit for Skokie Theatre Music Foundation on Saturday, November 3 at 7 p.m. This not-for-profit organization is making their beautifully restored theater available for a number of MYA performances this year, including hosting the 1st Annual National Chamber Music Competition on February 17, and several chamber music and jazz recitals. The benefit evening includes a screening of "*Cheat You Fair: The Story of Maxwell Street*," a documentary detailing the rise and fall of Chicago's great outdoor market, and a dessert reception. For more information, call 847-677-7761 or go to www.skokietheatre.com.

Absence Forms Needed

Please don't forget to submit a form on-line if you are unable to make a rehearsal. If you are sick, please don't feel that you cannot miss a rehearsal, please stay at home as MYA's a very cozy place and we want to make sure that germs aren't passed on to others. Thank you!

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHORAL

Voices Rising

Thanks to everyone for your hard work on Sunday; it paid off in a very good performance! **Reminder:** be early this week! We have much to do in the only rehearsal left before our visit from Maestro Wolfe. Review your "Welcome, Yule!" music and memorize as much as possible!

Chorale

November 4th is the beginning of 2nd Quarter! Mr. Fry and Dan Gregorsen of Niles North H.S. will be working with Chorale students during the 2nd Quarter with a Jazz Chorus that will perform on the December 15 concerts at the Harris Theater. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Thank you!

We have many people to thank this year! The Harris Theater Concert went more smoothly than ever thanks to everyone pitching in.

- **Ken Michaels** (Kayla/Prep) helped prepare the parent information for Harris Theater as well as coordinate the flow of students back stage. **Saras Te** (Ronald/JazzE & Ryan/Con) also helped with the over all coordination back stage (as well as providing goodies for the staff!).
- **Lali Watt**(Rian/Con, Dale/Prep & Liah/Prep/VR) **Donna Schardt**(Alyssa/Sym), organized our season ticket sales and **Cynthia Funai**(Heather/Sym & Colin/Sym) **Donna Poucher**(Josh/Con/Chorale) helped with data entry.
- **Jackie Lutz**(Lydia/Cad), **Rosann Park-Jones**(Carrie/Con, Rachel/Con, & Emly/Con) stuffed programs
- **Paula Fitzgibbons**(Adia Odelin/Read), **Annie Reneau**(Avery/Read), **Nicole Carson**(Ellory/Read), **Mary Ann & Mike Donahue**(Conor/Cad, Grace/Read, Kevin/Read, & Mary Rose/Cad), **Ellen Distelheim**(Isabel Tannenbaum/Read) helped organize the Reading Orchestra back stage.
- **Rene and Daniel Pierson**/BigBand(Anna/Cad), **Terry Duggan**(John/Cad), **David Dunham**(Micahel/Cad), **Bev Adamczyk**(Rania/Cad/VR), **Amy Mintz**(Talia/Cad), **Erin Kulesus**/Sym, **Christian Schmidt**/JazzO helped out with Cadet Orchestra.

- **Ann McIntosh**(Nate/Prep), **Susan Chang**(Stella/Con & Victoria/Prep/Cad), **Diane Thoms**(Billy/Sym & Johnny/Prep), **Shwuing Chen**(Stephanie Doong/Sym & Justin Doong/Con), **Tina Johnson**, also helped Symphony, (Stephen/Prep & Nina/Sym) helped the Prep Orchestra.
- **Nicholas Gao**(Christopher/Prep/Con), **Cynthia Hines**(Emily/Con) helped with Concert Orchestra.
- **Tracy Gordon**(Zoe/VR), **Mary Weilandt**(Julia/VR & Elise/VR), **Stephanie Doong**/Sym, **Laura Leja**(Alicia/VR) **Brian Donahue**(Paddy/VR) helped with Voices Rising.
- **Gail Schecter**(William Sheppard/JazzE) Helped Nic with Jazz Ensemble. **Robin Plotner-Sax**(Joshua/JazzO), **Terre Berg**(Tom/JazzO) helped with Jazz Orchestra.
- **Kristi Gardner**(Jennifer/Sym), **Pam Owens Harmon**(Elisabeth Owens/Sym/Chorale, Aryn/Read & Ellyn/Read), **Natalie Jacobsen**(Elizabeth/Sym & Jessica/VR), **Chris Ramsey**(Greta/Cad, Lydia/Sym & Soren/Prep), **Gayle Gottfried**(Gabrielle/Cad) and **Mary Baukert**(Hannah/Con) helped check in almost 600 students for the day.
- **Andre Badziak**(Natalia/Sym), **John Krifka**(Jeremy/Sym) **Jeff, Gena** and **Bob Andreasen**(Hannah/Sym), **Ian Watt**(Rian/Con, Dale/Prep & Liah/Prep/VR), Loaded and unloaded the truck for the concert. **Phil Mazur** (Rebecca/Alum) drove the truck to and from the Harris Theater.
- **Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym), **Karen Chiodo**(Anthony/Sym & Kathryn/Cad), **Kathy Gurvey**(Kara/JazzO), **Sue Gaynor**(Natalie/Sym) helped sell over \$1500 worth of Raffle Tickets

Board members who hosted parties this fall **Tom and Nancy Sharp**(Courtney/Alum, Madeline/Alum and Andrew/Con), **Rich and Susan Martini** (Laura/Alum), **Steve and Maria Fatum**(John/Sym & Michael/Sym/BB), **Pam Owens and Mark Harman**(Elisabeth Owens/Sym/Chorale, Aryn/Read & Ellyn/Read)**Barbara Butler and Charlie Geyer**(Jorie/Sym), Kathy and Paul Berghoff(David/Con & Daniel/Sym), **Keith and Debbie Gray**(Erin/JazzO/Con & Emily/Chorale), **Rhona and Rick Reagen**(Chamber Coach), **Brenda and Lance Feis**(Ben/Con), **Cathy and Greg Popp**(Zach/Sym), **Jeff and Gena Andreasen**(Hannah/Sym/Chorale)

Liz Leman(Jason/Con & Abby/Cad), **Natalie Jacobsen**(Elizabeth/Sym & Jessica/VR), **JoBeckwith**(Andrew/Sym/BB) **Tracy Gordon**(Zoe/VR), **Mary Ann & Mike Donahue** (Conor/Cad, Grace/Read, Kevin/Read, & Mary Rose/Cad), **Diane Thoms**(Billy/Sym & Johnny/Prep), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Con), **Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym), **Mary Jo Biersteker**(Laura/Sym), **Keith Gray**(Emily/Chorale & Erin/JazzO/Con), **Linda Gilbert**(Lauren/VR), **Ken Michaels**(Kayla/Prep), **Gayle Gottfried**(Gabrielle/Cad), **Heidi Locker-Scheer**(Tiffany/VR), **Pam Owens Harmon**(Elisabeth Owens/Sym/Chorale, Aryn/Read & Ellyn/Read) attended the PVO meeting

Kirsten Stromberg(Erika/Con) **Tammy Shoau**(Brian Chang/Cham) for driving Annie Chalex Boyle to the airport after rehearsals on Saturday. **Joan Matthews**(Lauren/Sym) **Liz Leman**(Jason/Con & Abby/Cad), **Keith and Debbie Gray**(Erin/JazzO/Con & Emily/Chorale), and **Sue Ratzer**(Cad) picked up students from Lake Forest Academy on a regular basis.

Ellen Distelheim(Isabel Tannenbaum/Read), **Karin Jones**(Morgan/VR), **Cynthia Funai**(Heather/Sym & Colin/Sym), **Amy Acri**(Emily/Sym), **Kelly Fojtik**(Evan/Sym), **Renee Gagerman**(Zalman/Cad) **Joan Matthews & Julia Williams**(Lauren Williams/Sym), **Barb Rothstein**(Greg/Chorale), **Kristy Schuetter**(Zach/Con/JazzO), **Dave Kalensky**(Fiona/Cad), **Karen Chiodo**(Anthony/Sym & Kathryn/Cad) helped get out our mailings

Patti Brand(Cordelia/Con), **Lynn Clafford**(Julia/Prep & Stephanie/Con), **Yuelin Dai**(Michael Brown/Prep)**Cathy Durning**(Jessie/Prep), **Daniel Love Glazer**(Rachel/Con), **Cindy Kraft**(Becca/Chorale), **Carol McCardell**(Ben Solomon/JazzO), **Melinda & Joel Hoiland** (Britta/Con), **Sue Sowle**(Andrew/Con), **Larry Manheim**(Oliver/Con), **Qing Ruan**(Yan/Con),**Alice Pak**(Tyler/Prep), **Cathy Pappas**(Ian/Con & Estelle/Con), **Rosann Park-Jones**(Carrie/Con, Rachel/Con, & Emily/Con), **Marcy Griffith-Petros**(Zoe/Cad & Sophie/Read), **Ross Shanley-Roberts**(Emily/Cad), **Jo Sheldon**(Courtney/Sym), **Larry Smith**(Katelyn/Sym), **Lucy Song**(Jason/Sym & Justin/Prep), **Yvette Stinehart**(James/Con), **Laura Wells**(Erin/Con), **Steve Yadanza**(Emily/Prep) worked concessions on Saturday and Sunday

Kate Householder(Grace/Con), **Kara Benson**(Paris Benson-Perez/Cad) **Patti Brand**(Cordelia/Con), **Judy Bundra**(Sarah/Cad), **Mary Lou Feick**(Hannah/Sym), **Joan Matthews**(Lauren/Sym), **Carol McCardell**(Ben Solomon/JazzO), **Chun Wei Lin**(Henry/Con), **Qing Ruan**(Yan/Con), **Christine/Con**, **Jim Stinehart**(James/Con), **Diane Thoms**(Billy/Sym & Johnny/Prep), baked delicious food for our concessions

Pam Owens Harmon(Elisabeth Owens/Sym/Chorale, Aryn/Read & Ellyn/Read) has been organizing the home stays for the Chinese Orchestra who played with us in Beijing.

Mark Harmon(Elisabeth Owens/Sym/Chorale, Aryn/Read & Ellyn/Read) worked ceaselessly on our computers getting them up and running. **Ian Watt**(Rian/Con, Dale/Prep & Liah/Prep/VR) helped fix recording equipment. **Diane Thoms**(Billy/Sym & Johnny/Prep) set up for master classes. **Judith Horwitz**(Marcello Molinaro/JazzO) Entered auction items into our data base. **Leticia Chim/Conc**, **Hannah Andreasen**/Sym/Chorale **Barb Rothstein**(Greg/Chorale) helped in the office. **Don Tunkl**(Aliza/Alum)keeps the building looking good and the fish happy. **Rhona Reagen, Jon Bogie, Tom Sharp**(Andrew/Con), **Niels Heemskerk**(Melissa/Chorale) had a Board Risk Management task force meeting.

Tammy Lathan(Megan/Con), **Charley Mattenson**(Sam/Con), **Carol Mavrakis**(Theodore/Prep), **Terry Park**/Sym, **Ruth Pikler** (Amy/Sym) **Carol Sterenstein**(Andrea/Sym) recorded seating auditions.

Heidi Locker-Scheer(Tiffany/VR) has coordinated the spiritwear sales. The following people have helped her collect the forms and answer questions. **Melinda Rudy**(Rebecca/Sym), **Amy Acri**(Emily/Sym), **Amy Mintz**(Talia/Cad), **Wendy Rood**(Miriam/Chorale), **Joyce Jasieniecki**(Kevin/Sym), **Julie Serenbetz**(Kenan/JazzO).

Liz Leman.(Jason/Con & Abby/Cad), **Natalie Jacobsen**(Elizabeth/Sym & Jessica/VR), **JoBeckwith**(Andrew/Sym/BB) Have been working on Adopt a School. Please fill out the volunteer log. I know there are many more who have been working as school liaisons.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help get auction items, contact Ann Reilly (alreilly@comcast.net)
 - We have a mailing on Saturday!
 - Help put stars on the wall
 - Help plant bulbs on Saturday
 - Ticket takers for our New & Early Music Concert on November 18 at 4:30. Please contact Gena (genaandreasen@mya.org)
 - Walgreens Concerto Volunteers,
- please contact Mary Jo Biersteker (mjbierst@comcast.net) or Mark Adamczyk (mark@adamczyk.com if you would like to help.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

MYA Posting School Events

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

Rolling Meadows High School: Pops Concert, Gym, **Sunday, November 4 at 3:00 PM.**

Glenbrook South High School: Marching Band Concert, 4000 W. Lake, Glenview, **Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30 PM.**

Lake Forest High & Middle Schools: Orchestra Festival, Lake Forest High School, **Tuesday, November 6.**

Barrington High School: Jazz Concert, **Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30 PM.**

Glenbrook South High School: Marching Band Concert, 4000 W. Lake, Glenview, **Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30PM.**

Lake Forest High School: Middle School/LFHS Orchestra Festival, Raymond Moore Auditorium, **Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30PM.**

New Trier High School: Symphony Orchestra/Concert Choir Concert, Gaffney Auditorium, Winnetka, **Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30PM.**

Northbrook Junior High School: String Orchestra Recital, Greenbriar Auditorium, Highland Park, **Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00PM.**

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New Trier High School: Symphony Orchestra & Concert Choir Concert, Gaffney Auditorium, **Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 PM.**

Highland Park High School: Jammin' Java, Jazz combos at Border's, **Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 PM.**

Vernon Hills High School: Orchestra Festival (w/ Middle Schools), VHHS Auditorium, **Thursday, November 8 at 7:30 PM.**

New Trier High School: Fall Choral Concert, Gaffney Auditorium, Winnetka, **Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30PM**, tickets: \$3.

Elgin High School: Orchestra/Band Concert, EHS Auditorium, **Thursday, November 15 at 7:00PM.**

Woodlawn Middle School: Band & Choral Concert (Gr. 6-8), Long Grove, **Thursday, November 15 at 7:00PM.**

Highland Park High School: Jazz & Percussion Ensemble Concert, Auditorium, **Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 PM.**

Vernon Hills High School: Band Festival (w/ Middle Schools), VHHS Auditorium, **Thursday, November 15 at 7:30 PM.**

Niles North High School: Fall Jazz Concert, Auditorium, Skokie, **Friday, November 16 at 7:30PM.**

KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!

Kudos & Other

♪ **Brad Sheneman** (horn/Sym) MYA National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist

♪ **Kateri Tumminello** (tenor sax/Chamber), 1st chair, Senior Division IMEA Band & chosen for Reading Jazz Band.

♪ **Allison Schafernak** (clarinet/Sym & sax/Combo), 1st chair, Senior Division IMEA Band

♪ **Kyle Licocci** (trumpet/BB & Combo), Senior Division IMEA Orchestra

♪ **John Klaess** (trumpet/BB & Combo), Senior Division IMEA Orchestra

♪ **Patrick Kennedy** (piano/Combo), Senior Division IMEA Jazz

♪ **Three of One Jazz Trio:** **Shane Simpson** (piano/JazzO); **Ben Solomon** (sax/JazzO); **Dan Chmielinski** (bass/JazzO) will be performing a free concert at Gallery659 (659 Vernon Ave., Glencoe, IL) on November 16 at 7:00 PM.

♪ Kudos to MYA students who are making our communities better places; **Corey Richardson** (guitar/Combo), **John Klaess** (trumpet/BB & Combo), **Ben Solomon** (sax/JazzO & Combo), **Ben Paulson** (percussion/Chamber), **Dan Pierson** (piano/BB & Combo). They will be performing at the 1st **Annual Jumpstart Jazz** concert to raise funding for **PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter and Supportive Services)**. PADS provides emergency shelter and supportive services to individuals and families with children experiencing homelessness in Lake County.

Community Service Hours for Students!

Liz Douglass Espinoza ('97 Alum, violin) is the Music Therapy Coordinator for Evanston Northwestern Healthcare. They are hosting a free concert for patients, families, and staff on November 27, at Evanston Hospital in Frank Auditorium and are looking for musicians to play. It would be on a volunteer basis, but is a great opportunity for chamber music students looking for a place to perform. The concert would run from about 3-4:30 PM. Students who are interested in playing can contact Liz directly via email at edouglass@enh.org or via phone at 847-570-2328. In addition to musicians for this concert, they are also looking for volunteer musicians to play in the lobby of each of their hospitals (Glenbrook, Highland Park, and Evanston) throughout the holiday season and beyond.

Member Birthdays!

10/04, Christian Schmidt (percussion/Sym)

10/04, Soomin Shin (violin/Sym)

10/05, Boris Schwarzenbach (cello/Prep)

10/05, Kate A. Izvanariu (double bass/Sym)

10/07, David Berghoff (viola/Prep & Con)

10/07, James Hanford (violin/Con)

10/07, Julie Kwak (violin/Con)

10/08, Michael Cadiz (cello/Sym)

10/08, Victoria Tu, (violin/Cad & Prep)

10/08, Olivia Price (horn/Sym)

10/08, Eric Bauer (horn/Sym)

10/08, Lauren Sandoval (viola/Sym)

10/08, Callie Garner (violin/Prep)

10/09, Michael Garrett (percussion/Cham)

10/10, Zack Rapp (violin/Con)