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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

### Thank you

Every year I write a "Thanksgiving Column" for the MYA Newsletter because I appreciate so many things.....

... like my family. My wife is the best thing that ever happened to me – she is smart, sweet, helpful and beautiful. We share dreams together! I've also been blessed to have three talented and wonderful daughters who are growing up so fast! I wish they could stay "little" for a little longer so I could just watch them play more! Even though they are not living at home much now, I think and pray for them every day and look forward to being with them some over Thanksgiving vacation.

... like MYA. I love being a part of MYA. It means a great deal to me to know I'm doing something positive with my life both from a musical and a societal standpoint. I truly believe we are offering the best musically enriching environment possible for families to grow together and as musicians and as people. We hope you (members, parents, teachers, etc) are using the organization to enrich your lives musically and personally – growing to appreciate, understand and love music more and more while, at the same time, you augment and improve your personal relations with your family and friends.

... like those who make MYA so special. This includes students, families, faculty, Board, staff, and all who share the mission of "building a home with the power of music to enrich the lives of our students and the community".

... like the chance to make great music – Mahler *Symphony*, Beethoven *Symphony 2*, Strauss *Death and Transfiguration*, Verdi *Requiem*, .....

... like the chance to hear great music of composers/arrangers such as Leonard Bernstein, Duke Ellington, Frank Foster, Gary Fry, Thad Jones, Wolfgang Mozart, Maria Schneider, Howard Shore and Peter Tchaikovsky.

... like the chance to work with great students. All one needs to do is hear a rehearsal or concert to be impressed with the musicality of our MYA students! What most people don't see is what thoughtful and sincere young adults they are – how they support their colleagues; how they symbolize what I want MYA to be and what we all want the world to think of the USA (as they did this summer on our tour to China and Korea); how they represent what is "good" about our next generation of leaders!

Thank you, all for this wonderful opportunity!!!

### Sunday, November 18 – Beyond the Fort Chamber Music Series

MYA's Sunday Soiree Series continues this weekend at the newly refurbished Skokie Theatre at 2:00 PM. This is a great way to enjoy an hour of free 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.

### Sunday, November 18 – Old & New Dreams: Part 1

The concert features MYA's Early and New Music Ensembles with guests Barbara Butler and Charles Geyer, double-trumpet duo, along with members from their Northwestern trumpet studio. The concert takes place at the First United Methodist Church of Evanston – tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at [www.mya.org](http://www.mya.org) or at the door.

### Walgreens Concerto Competition Deadline is Nearing!!

Don't forget to submit your applications on-line. The Walgreens Concerto deadline is approaching quickly! The due date is absolutely NO LATER THAN Midnight, December 1, 2007.

### MYA Annual Raffle - February 9, 2008

The Thanksgiving holiday is next week and if you're getting together with family and friends, here's an opportunity to sell the winning raffle ticket to a loved one! Stop by the office this weekend and request some tickets to take home and sell over the long holiday weekend. Remember, the raffle supports MYA and that makes everyone a winner!

## A Few More Auction Items Needed for the Gala

Do you know a golf pro that will donate their time to be auctioned for the fundraising gala? Do you have access to a sports box for a specific event that can be donated? We are still looking for a few high ticket items for this year's live auction and would appreciate your ideas and contacts. Please call the auction committee organizer, **Ann Reilly, at 847-242-0705.**

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### PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### CHORAL

##### Voices Rising

Bus & Permission Slips are due this Sunday at rehearsal. In order to participate in the Welcome Yule! Concerts, we must have this information asap!

##### Chorale

Mr. Fry will be providing pizza for every one before rehearsal this week at 6:30 PM. Please come early and enjoy some time to socialize!

##### Orchestra

Early Music Ensemble Rehearsals

**Early and New Music Concert - November 18, 2007; 6:00 PM; First United Methodist Church, Evanston**

Rehearsals:

November 17 (Saturday of District 7) - 2:00-3:00 PM

November 18 (Sunday) 12:00 – 1:15 PM (MYA Center)

November 18 (Sunday) - 4:30-5:30 PM (First United Methodist Church, Evanston)

Concert: November 18 (Sunday) - 6:00-7:30 PM

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### VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

#### Volunteer Opportunities

- **Basket Coordinators** – Email makes this project Easy! We are looking for one or two people from each ensemble to decide on a theme, and get the word out to the members of the ensemble to donate items or money to go toward the basket. Please contact Mary Syc [move5050@aol.com](mailto:move5050@aol.com), if you are interested in helping with this.
- Help **solicit auction items** contact Ann Reilly [alreilly@comcast.net](mailto:alreilly@comcast.net).
- **Teens** to help Sell Raffle Tickets at the New and Early Music Concert on November 18. Contact Cathy Popp [cdrewspopp@comcast.net](mailto:cdrewspopp@comcast.net).
- Walgreens Concerto Volunteers, please contact Mary Jo Biersteker. [mjbierst@comcast.net](mailto:mjbierst@comcast.net) or Mark Adamczyk [mark@adamczyk.com](mailto:mark@adamczyk.com) if you would like to help.
- Postcard mailing next week Saturday, November 17. We'll be in the Lobby
- Annie Chalex-Boyle still needs a **ride to O'Hare Airport** on December 1 at 5:00. If you are able to help out, please let Gena know.
- One person to help Mark Harmon **set up cubicles** in the basement. Please contact Mark at [mcharmon@aol.com](mailto:mcharmon@aol.com).

Please be sure to fill out the volunteer log in the office or on line to make sure your family is credited with your hard work.

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

**Attention High School Students:** We need volunteers for the Walgreens Concerto Competition on December 29 and 30. You can choose the hours you would like to work. We could use your help, especially in the area of timing performances. You can watch all the great talent and you may be able to earn service hours for your school. If you are able to help, please contact Mary Jo Biersteker at [mjbierst@comcast.net](mailto:mjbierst@comcast.net) Thanks so much!!

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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 us know about your upcoming concerts, competitions, etc. – email [susancook@mya.org](mailto:susancook@mya.org).

**Glenbrook North & South High School:** Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert, 4000 W. Lake, Glenview, **Sunday, November 18 at 3:30 PM.**

**Glenbrook South High School:** Fall Choral Concert, 4000 W. Lake, Glenview, **Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 PM.**

**Stevenson High School:** Wind and Percussion Chamber Concert, Recital Hall, **Tuesday November 20 at 6:30 PM.**

**New Trier High School:** Choir-Opera Fall Revue, Gaffney Auditorium, Winnetka, **Tuesday, November 20 at 7:30 PM.**

**Woodlawn Middle School:** Orchestra Concert (Grds. 5-8), Long Grove, **Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 PM.**

**Libertyville High School:** Orchestra Festival (w/middle school orchestras) at LHS gymnasium, **Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 PM.**

**Woodlawn Middle School:** Eighth grade Choral Consortium, Stevenson High School, **Wednesday, November 28.**

**Northbrook Junior High School:** Chamber Orchestra, Wind Ensemble & Concert Choir, NBJH Gym, **Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 PM.**

**New Trier High School:** Fall Jazz Ensembles Concert, Guest Artist: Coffin(Sax) with Bela Fleck & the Flecktones, Gaffney Auditorium, Winnetka, **Friday, November 30 at 7:30 PM, \$4.**

## Kudos & Other

- ♪ **Christine Murphy (flute/Sym & Chamber)** won First Place in the Senior Division of the Chicago Flute Club Competition last Sunday.
- ♪ **Ryan Murphy (violin/Sym & Chamber)** won First Place in the North Suburban Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition and will solo with that Orchestra in Spring 2008.
- ♪ **Taylor Noe (voice/Chor)** and **Josh Poucher (voice/Chor & violin/Con)** Senior Division IMEA District Choir; invited to audition for All State Choir.
- ♪ **Josh Poucher (voice/Chor & violin/Con)** was inducted into Warren Township High School National Honor Society Nov 7.
- ♪ **Josh Plotner (saxophone/JazzO & Chamber)** IMEA Senior Division Jazz and Band. Josh also performed on 11/3 at the Northbrook Library for "Parisian Salon Concerts" joining jazz artists Joe Vito, Sean Harris, and George LePauw. On 11/11, Josh performed with **Kevin Jasieniecki (horn/Sym)** & **Jennifer Gardner (oboe/Sym)** during Northbrook Symphony Orchestra's post-concert reception.

## Member Birthdays!

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| 11/20, Kristen McKee, viola, Symphony             |   |
| 11/21, Yixin Huang, clarinet, Symphony            | 11/25, Bobby Porter, clarinet, Symphony                 |
| 11/21, Andrew Sowle, flute, Concert               | 11/25, Philip Nauman, violin, Reading                   |
| 11/22, Jessica Snyder, voice, Chorale             | 11/27, Richard Li, cello, Prep & Concert                |
| 11/23, Lauren Gilbert, voice, Voices Rising       | 11/29, Marta Vieira, violin, Symphony                   |
| 11/22, Nicholas Krieg, cello, Cadet               | 11/29, Amanda Peterson, saxophone, Chamber Music        |
| 11/24, Ben Feis, violin, Concert                  | 11/29, Ian Feeney, trumpet, Jazz Ensemble               |
| 11/24, Darius Tumminello, trombone, Jazz Ensemble | 11/30, Elizabeth Bartusiak, violin, Reading             |
| 11/25, Peter Manheim, percussion, Combo           | 11/30, Emily Ortlieb, voice, Chorale                    |
| 11/25, Alexandra Weaver, violin, Symphony         | 12/01, Bryan Jarett, percussion, Jazz Orchestra & Combo |