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

MYA's Master Class Series Presents Rami Solomonow, Viola

Sunday, December 9, 2007 at 12:00 PM

Rami Solomonow, Viola Professor, DePaul University and member Chicago Chamber Musicians.
Students and Parents are encouraged to attend!!

Sunday Soiree Series, December 9 at 2:00 & 3:00 PM

MYA's Sunday Soiree Series continues this weekend. 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.

We have many ensembles performing this Sunday. Check to see which hour you are scheduled. Dr. D expects parents and students to stay for the entire hour. There is much to learn from watching others. It is also polite to stay and support your friends.

MYA on Channel 19 this Weekend again!

Channel 19 is airing MYA's Millennium Park performance from this past August. The segment entitled *Millennium Park Young Artists: Millennium Park Presents/ Destination Silk Road* will feature MYA's Orchestra & Chorus. MYA's Jazz will be in a different segment on a different date. Please turn on your televisions at the following times:

Saturday Dec 8th, 2007 at 6:30PM on public cable channel 19. Please contact Susan Cook (susancook@mya.org) if you are able record this segment.

Spiritwear is in!

Spiritwear orders may be picked up this weekend at MYA!

Magical Dreams, A Family Holiday Concert: December 15th

MYA's 2nd Annual Holiday performance at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance is quickly approaching. There are 2 concerts at 1:00 & 4:00 PM. Both concerts are identical and will be approximately 1 hour in length. The concerts are comprised of holiday selections from the Nutcracker Suite by both Tchaikovsky and Duke Ellington, along with many other holiday favorites. Featuring MYA's Symphony Orchestra, Big Band and Chorale, tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students & seniors. This concert makes a wonderful holiday gift and gives folks a chance to enjoy all of the fun events, shopping and sites of downtown Chicago! Tickets may be purchased at the Harris Theater box office, by calling 312-344-7777 or at www.harristheaterchicago.org. MYA is also partnering with the Autism Society of Illinois, and 1/2 of all proceeds (after MYA's costs are covered), will be donated to this wonderful and extremely important organization.

SYMPHONY DRESS REHEARSAL AND CONCERT SCHEDULE

Dec. 15, 2007 - Harris Theater

10:30 Symphony, Jazz Choir, Big Band

12:00 break before concert

1:00 Concert

4:00 Concert

TICKETS

All season tickets for the December 15th concert have been mailed out. If you have not received yours, please e-mail DonnaSchardt@mya.org. Tickets for the remaining concerts will be sent out in early January.

Chorale on ABC 7's Early Morning Show, December 14, 2007

Be sure to turn on your television Friday morning at 5:00 AM to see **Melissa Heemskerck, Josh Poucher, Marissa Simmons** and **Mary Clare Becks** as they represent MYA's Chorale Program live from the Chicago Botanic Gardens!

MYA Chamber Ensembles on WFMT – Date to be announced

Keep an eye out for our weekly e-blast as 2 chamber ensembles will be featured on WFMT this coming week! Date and time will be forthcoming.

Welcome Yule! Concerts at Symphony Center featuring MYA's Voices Rising

7:00 PM, December 14 & 21

3:00 PM, December 15 & 22

1:00 & 4:30 PM, December 16 & 23

Welcome Yule! has become one of Chicago's most anticipated holiday happenings! Now in its 13th season, this full-length concert is brimming with the musical joys of the season. Surrounded by festive decorations in Orchestra Hall, spirits become even brighter with a visit from the North Pole's most famous resident. Tickets may be purchased at www.cso.org or by calling 312-294-3000

Spring Semester Invoices

Spring Semester invoices have been mailed out. If you don't receive one before December 14th, please e-mail DonnaSchardt@mya.org.

Ice Skating for Visiting China Students and their Host Families

If you are hosting a visiting student from China, you are invited to bring them to the Skokie Skatium Ice Arena for an hour of ice skating. The Love's (Spencer/Sym) have arranged for an hour of ice skating on Sunday December 16 from 6:50 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. at the Skatium Ice Arena in the Weber Leisure Center located on Church Street and Gross Point Road in Skokie. Skate rental is \$2 per person. Please come with your visiting China student and your immediate family. This will be a great way to "break the ice" with your visiting student. Please RSVP to 847-470-8190 or to brianhlove@comcast.net with an approximate number of people that you will be bringing.

MYA's Benefit, February 9

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! A brave knight (aka your local postman) will be delivering an invitation to *A Midwinter Night's Dream*, MYA's annual benefit, to your castle this week. Please watch for it!

As those of you know who have attended meetings on MYA's *Dream With Us* campaign, all individual contributions to MYA this fiscal year will be deposited directly into restricted accounts so that we can meet our goals and finish the campaign. Therefore, a successful Benefit this year is very important to ensure that we meet our annual financial operating needs. The price of tickets will be \$250/person. This year for the first time, we will also have another fun fund-raising event that will be accessible to all MYA families and friends on May 18. Auction items that we solicit now will be available at this event, too, so please think of MYA and ask for donations to our auctions while you are doing holiday shopping or frequenting your favorite restaurant. Auction Donation Forms are available in the office or on the website. Thank you very much!

Dream with Us Campaign

We have scheduled two more meetings for December right at the MYA Center to explain our endowment campaign and talk about our dreams and hopes.

Meetings will be:

This Sunday, **December 9, at 7:30 PM, right after the Big Band rehearsal**

Next Sunday, **December 16, at 3:15 PM, right after the Sunday Soiree**

If you haven't had the opportunity to attend a meeting and can come, please e-mail: karendennis@mya.org. While we do want to let you know about our future plans for MYA, we also want to learn more about your perspectives on the programs MYA offers. In addition, it is a chance for you to meet with other MYA parents. Refreshments will be served!

Walgreens Competition

All participants should have received an email with their schedule. Hard copies will be going in the mail this weekend. We had 30 more entrants than last year! Due to the large number of participants we need extra volunteers to help out! Please contact Mary Jo Biersteker mjbierst@comcast.net if you are available!

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHORAL

Voices Rising

- Rehearsal will begin at **4:15 PM this week** as it is the last rehearsal prior to dress rehearsals at Symphony Center.
- **Reminder: 6:30 PM meeting** following rehearsal for parents/students participating in the March trip to New York city.
- If Mr. Fry posts the choreography video this week, you'll receive an e-mail letting you know it is up and running!

Chorale

Pizza will be available for purchase before rehearsal this Sunday at 6:30 PM. Please remember **that you must have all of your songs memorized by this Sunday** – it is a requirement for participation in the December 15 concert.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Volunteer Opportunities

- Many people are needed to help assemble the **Benefit invitations** on Sat. Dec 8. We will begin at 9:00 AM in the lobby and work until we finish. Please join us!
- **Spiritwear Distribution** – we need **2 people** to help distribute Spiritwear on Saturday, 11:00 – 1:00 & 1:00 – 3:00.
- **Walgreens Concerto Volunteers** – We need **4 people** Dec. 29 from 12:30-6:00, **3 people** for Dec. 30, 8:00-12:30, and **4 people** Dec 30, 12:30-6:00. Please contact Mary Jo Biersteker mjbierst@comcast.net or Mark Adamczyk mark@adamczyk.com if you would like to help. We also need bakers to provide food for the judges and volunteers.
- **Truck Loading** – we need 6 – 8 people to help load the truck on Dec 14 for the concert around 5:30. We also need someone (25 or older) to drive the truck back to MYA Dec 15 after the last concert and 6 – 8 people to help unload it on Sunday, Dec 16 at noon - contact Gena genaandreasen@mya.org.
- Help **solicit auction items** – contact Ann Reilly alreilly@comcast.net.
- Cadet, Concert, Choristers and Jazz Combos still need an **Ensemble Basket** coordinator for the Benefit – contact Mary Syc move5050@aol.com
- We need adult chaperones, breakfast servers and seating audition volunteers for the Symphony and Big Band **lock-in** scheduled for January 5 and 6 – Contact Gena if you are interested.
- We need our side walks shoveled and salted – see Gena

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.

Warren Township High School: Blue Note Jazz Concert, Almond Road Campus, Gurnee, **Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 PM.**

Nequa Valley High School: Crystal Concerts (Entire Music Dept.), Naperville, **December 6 and 7 at 6:00 & 8:15 PM.**

Warren Township High School: Winter Choir Concerts, O'Plaine Campus Auditorium, **Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 & 8:00 PM.**

Evanston Township High School: ETHS Holiday Concert, Lake St. Church, **Saturday, December 8 at 2:30 PM.**

Elgin High School: Madrigal Dinner, **Saturday, December 8 at 6:30 PM & December 9 at 3:00 PM.**

Prospect High School: Winter Concert, Mt. Prospect, **Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 PM.**

Stevenson High School: Holiday Band Concert, Performing Arts Center, **Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 PM.**

Cooper Middle School: Winter Orchestra Concert, Buffalo Grove, **Monday, December 10 at 7:30 PM.**

Northbrook Junior High School: Beginning Orchestra Concert, NBJH Gym, Highland Park, **Monday, December 10 at 7:30 PM.**

Barrington High School: Band Concert, Johnson Auditorium, **Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 PM.**

Northbrook Junior High School: Woodwind Choir Recital, Greenbriar Auditorium, **Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 PM.**

Elgin High School: Choir Concert, **Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM.**

Northbrook Junior High School: Cadet & String Orchestra Concert with 6th Grade Chorus, **Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 PM.**

Warren Township High School: Holiday Band Concert I, O'Plaine Campus Auditorium, Gurnee, **Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM.**

Barrington High School: Orchestra Concert, Johnson Auditorium, **Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 PM.**

Carmel Catholic High School: Christmas Concert, Auditorium, **Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 PM.**

Deerfield High School: Holiday Choir Concert, Auditorium, **Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 PM.**

Glenbrook South: Winter Choral Concert, **Thursday, December 13.**

Highland Park High School: Winter Band Concert, **Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 PM.**

Libertyville High School: Orchestra & Choir Holiday Music Concert at LHS Auditorium, **Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 PM.**

Loyola Academy: Holiday Concert, Wilmette, **Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 PM.**

North Shore Country Day School: Winter Choral Concert, Diller Street Theater, Winnetka, **Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 PM.**

Northbrook Junior High School: Jazz Coffeehouse (Jazz Warehouse and Jazz Factory), NBJH Gym, Highland Park, **Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 PM.**

Warren Township High School: Holiday Band Concert II, O'Plaine Campus Auditorium, Gurnee, **Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 PM.**

Lake Zurich High School: Holiday Choir Concert, **Friday, December 14 at 7:30 PM.**

Evanston Township High School: Winter Music Concert (Orchestra, Chorus and Band), **Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM.**

Glenbrook North High School: Winter Concert, Center for the Performing Arts, **Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM.**

New Trier High School: Winter Music Festival, Gates Gymnasium, Winnetka, **Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM.**

Highland Park High School: Winter Choral Concert, Auditorium, **Monday, December 17 at 7:00 PM.**

Evanston Township High School: Jazz Combo Fest, the Terrace at ETHS, **Monday, December 17 at 7:00 PM.**

Northbrook Junior High School: Beginning Band, Jazz & Concert Bands, NBJH Gym, Highland Park, **Monday, December 17 at 7:30 PM.**

Glenbard North High School: Choral Holiday Concert, Auditorium, **Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30PM.**

Stevenson High School: Holiday Orchestra Concert, Performing Arts Center, **Monday, December 17 at 7:00 PM - Audrey Snyder (Symphony, cello) will be featured. She is performing Tchaikovsky's Concerto Variations on a Rococo Theme.**

Libertyville High School: Holiday Band Concert at LHS Auditorium, **Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30 PM.**

Schaumburg High School: Holiday Concert featuring: Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra and Brass choir, **Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30 PM.**

Buffalo Grove High School: Winter Concert (Symphonic & Concert Bands), BG Theatre, **Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30 PM.**

Deerfield High School: Wind Ensemble, Jazz & Orchestra Concert, Auditorium, **Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30 PM.**

Barrington High School: Choir Concert, Johnson Auditorium, **Thursday, December 20 at 7:30 PM.**

Nequa Valley High School: Chamber Symphony performs at Midwest, International Ballroom, Hilton Hotel, Chicago, **Thursday, December 20 at 8:30 AM.**

Stevenson High School: Holiday Choral Concert, Performing Arts Center, **Monday, December 19 at 7:30 PM.**

KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!

Kudos & Other

♪ **Melissa Heemskerk (voice/Chorale), Josh Poucher (voice/Chorale), Mary Clare Becks (voice/Chorale), Marissa Simmons (voice/Chorale)** for representing MYA so well at the Chicago Botanic Gardens as strolling carolers for their Winter Wonderland exhibit!

♪ **Elena Snow (voice/Chorale & cello/Symphony)** made All-State Honors choir

♪ **Jessica Wells (bassoon/Symphony)** made All-State band & orchestra

Member Birthdays!

12/09 Patrick Kolstad, double bass, Jazz Ensemble

12/09 Natalie Clarke, viola, Cadet

12/10 Adrian De Smul, trombone, Concert

12/11 Devon Naftzger, violin, Symphony & Concert

12/11 Elliot Lichtenberg, oboe, Concert

12/12 Dr. D!!!!!!!

12/12 Gena Andreason, Volunteer Coordinator

12/13 Spencer Love, cello, Symphony

12/13 Dana DeBofsky, violin, Symphony

12/14 Joanne Kwak, violin, Cadet

12/14 Laura Brooks, flute, Concert

12/16 Michael Solotke, trombone, Symphony

12/17 Daniel Stone, violin, Symphony

12/17 Aubrey Dalbec, oboe, Symphony

12/18 Andy Quinn, tenor sax, Big Band

12/18 J. Maxwell Joyce, violin, Reading

12/17 Erin Beugger, cello, Cadet

12/19 Aidan Perreault, violin, Prep

12/19 James (Nathan) Peppey, tuba, Chamber

12/19 David Reiff, alto sax, Jazz Orchestra

12/20 David Binder, trombone, Symphony

12/21 Erin Kulesus, violin, Symphony

12/21 Fiona Kalensky, viola, Cadet

12/23 Joey Heimlich, percussion, Symphony

12/23 Tommy McHugh, trumpet, Cadet

12/24 Hannah Baukert, violin, Concert

12/26 Natalie Ckuj, voice, Chorale

12/27 Andrew Banzhaf, double bass, Symphony

12/28 Daniel Chmielinski, double bass, Jazz Orchestra & Concert

12/28 Alex Miller, percussion, Chamber

12/30 Brandon McQuaid, trombone, Symphony & Big Band

12/30 Elena Karahalios, voice, Choristers

01/01 Gabrielle Gottfried, violin, Cadet

01/02 Camille Michelotti, bassoon, Concert

01/02 Quinn Delaney, bassoon, Symphony

01/04 Melissa Heemskerk, voice, Chorale

01/04 Helen Ding, violin, Cadet

01/04 Kenan Serenbetz, tenor sax, Jazz Orchestra