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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

## Happy New Year!

### Rehearsal Reminders

**All Large Ensemble rehearsals & Theory classes will resume Saturday, January 5 & Sunday, January 6.**

**Please note:** January 5 Lock-in for Symphony & Big Band – Please see Program Information for more details!

**Chamber Music Rehearsals:** There are NO Chamber Music rehearsals this weekend unless you have been personally contacted by your coach!

## Congratulations to MYA's Walgreens Concerto Winners!

### MYA Junior Orchestra Division Winner

**Ben Solomonow (Prep & Concert), cello**  
*Cello Concerto No. 1, by Saint-Saens*

### MYA Senior Orchestra Division Winner

**Marta Vieira (Symphony), violin**  
*Symphony Espagnole, Mvt. 1, by Lalo*

### Overall Open Division Winner

**Matthew Lipman, viola**  
*Viola Concerto, by Bartok*

Go to MYA's website under "Concerto Winners" to view listing of all winners! Over 200 students competed nationwide!!!

## MYA's Master Class Series Presents, Francis Akos

### Sunday, January 13 at 12:00 PM

Master Class Series Presents: Francis Akos, Assistant Concertmaster Emeritus, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and former Music Director, Highland Park Strings. Master classes are Free and Open to the Public. Students, teachers and parents are encouraged to attend! Please go to MYA's Concert & Events page for more information.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Soiree or the New Year – January 13 at 2:00 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.

### OPEN HOUSE – Sunday, January 13 at 4:30 PM

#### For MYA's Choristers, a choral ensemble for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades

Do you have a child that is currently too young for MYA's instrumental programs? Join Choristers and experience the pleasure and camaraderie of singing! No audition is required. For more information call Susan Cook at 847-926-9898 x306.

### February 23<sup>rd</sup> Concert – "Dream with the Stars!"

**Concert Orchestra** has been changed to perform on the **Evening Concert at 7:30 PM**. Please make this change right away to your calendars!

### Special Volunteer Opportunity

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to play the Oboe? Mrs. Bendsdorf Frisch needs volunteers to help her teach Music Education students at DePaul University how to teach the basics of playing the Oboe. You would need to come to DePaul on one Thursday evening in late January/early February where you'd be taught a song on the Oboe, and you get to keep the reed! NHS Volunteer hours can be earned or just do it for fun! If you're interested, see Naomi or email her at [naomibendsdorf@mya.org](mailto:naomibendsdorf@mya.org).

**CHORAL**

All Choral rehearsals resume on **Sunday, January 6, 2008.**

**Chorale**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter** begins on January 6 – March 2, 2008. The quarter will conclude in a performance on March 2, 2008, *Old & New Dreams: Part 2*, at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, at 6:00 PM, with a performance of J. S. Bach's *Cantata No. 140: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140* with an early music chamber orchestra of MYA Symphony Orchestra members playing on authentic period instruments. MYA welcomes **Ben Gray** as MYA's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Chorale Director!

**ORCHESTRA****Symphony**

All Orchestra rehearsals resume on **Saturday, January 5, 2008.** We have mailed the audition schedule to you or you may find it on the website (ensemble ino/Sym).

Symphony Lock-in Schedule: January 5

Regular noon to 3:00 rehearsal

3:00 Auditions

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Rehearsal

9:00 University of Miami at Ohio (Optimal Performance Workshop)

10:30 Movies

Midnight – SLEEP

Sunday, January 6

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Rehearsal

12:00 Auditions & Pick-up to go home

**Concert**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> Concert at Pick-Staiger - Concert Orchestra** has been changed to perform on the **Evening Concert at 7:30 PM.** Please make this change on your calendars!

**JAZZ**

All Jazz Large Ensemble rehearsals will resume on **Sunday, January 6, 2008.**

Big Band Lock-in Schedule: January 5

4:00 Rehearsal

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Rehearsal

9:00 University of Miami at Ohio (Optimal Performance Workshop)

10:30 Movies

Midnight - SLEEP

Sunday, January 6

9:00 Breakfast

11:00 Rehearsal

12:00 Pick-up to go home

**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION****New Volunteer Recognition Program!**

We are starting a new recognition program for volunteers. We would like to spotlight "A Volunteer of the Week" in our newsletters. If you know of someone who has been going above and beyond in their commitment to MYA, we would like to know about it. You will find a nomination form on our website <http://www.mya.org/support/volunteer.php> click on "Volunteer of the Week"

**Thank you!****Special thanks go to those who have helped over the last month!**

We had a wonderful weekend of performances at the Concerto Competition. Both days ran without a hitch, thanks to the coordinating efforts of **Mary Jo Biersteker** and **Mark Adamczyk** and many volunteers including **Rosann Park Jones**(Carrie /Con, Rachel/Con, Emily/Con), **Patti Brand**(Cordelia/Con), **Elke Friedman**(Alder Scheidt/JazzO), who provided the food for the judges. **Carrie Jones/Con**, **Rachel Jones/Con**, **Emily Jones/Con** helped with set up. The following people helped with check-in, monitoring, timing, video taping, baking and general running about. **Dave Schabes**, **Tessa Andreasen**/Alum, **Camille Michelotti/Con**, **Elizabeth McQuaid**(Carissa/Prep & Brandon/BB/Sym), **Jennie & Dan Murphy**(Ryan/Sym & Christine/Con/Sym), **Kathy Pappas**(Ian/Con), **Carol Mavrakis**(Theodore/Prep), **Jennifer Leventhal**, **Eric Leventhal**/JazzO, **Edwin Chim**, **Leticia Chim/Con**, **Sheila Hanford**(James/Con), **Wilma Samuels**(Joseph/Sym), **Dan Lazarus**, **Samra Lazarus/Con**, **Bettina Swanson**(Harrison/Con), **Diane Thoms**(Billy/Sym & Johnny/Prep), **Wes Fisher**(Austin/Sym), **Jeff & Lynn Miller**(Erica/Sym), **Dee Dee Shields**(Chloe Ruiz-Funes/Cham & Camille/Prep) **Bev Adamczyk**, **Rania/Cad**, **Ann Angel**(Kalie/Sym), **Lamika Scott**(Lametrice/Read), **Karen & Vinnie Franco**(James/Sym), **Shirley Ji**(Anna Zhou/Con & Amanda/Con), **Jim Stinehart**(James/Con), **Yu Li**(Richard/Con/Prep), **Sue Gaynor**(Natalie/Sym), **Tom Chmielinski**(Daniel/Con/JazzO), **Andre Badziak**(Natalia/Sym) **Nina Johnson**/Sym **Elisabeth Owens**/Sym/Chor, **Pam Owens Harmon**(Aryn/Read, Ellyn/Read).

**Heidi Locker-Scheer**(Tiffany/VR), **Jinhe Li**(Jenny/Cad), **Jan Quigley**(Kirstin/Sym) **Carol Mavrakis**(Theodore/Prep) helped distribute the spiritwear.

**Kathy Smith**(Tess/Sym), **Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym), **Anne Feeney**(Ian/JazzE) sold raffle Tickets. **Mary Syc**(Katie/VR), **Karen Franco**(James/Sym) Ensemble Basket Coordination

**Margaret Stuhr**(Andy/BB), **Judy Bundra**(Sarah/Cad), **Patti Brand**(Codelia/Con), **Carol Cislak De Smul** (Adrian/Con), **David Beugger**(Erin/Cad), **Al Chou**(Audrey/Con), **Kate Householder**(Grace/Con), donated baked goods and other yummy treats. **Gretchen & David Livingston**(Clara/Cad), **Connie Mason**(Eugene/Con) picked up the bagels every week for our concessions. **Christine Kim**(Katie/Prep), **Teri and David Ashcraft**(Katie/Prep), **Alice Pak**(Tyler/Prep), **Lucy Song**(Jason/Sym & Justin/Prep), **Steve Yadanza**(Emily/Prep), **Qun Shirley Xie**(Katherine /Cad), **Lynn Miller**(Erica/Sym), **Jennifer Meyer**/Sym, **Paul Nauman**(Philip/Read) **Lynn Clafford**(Julia/Prep & Stephanie/Con), **Linda Gilbert**(Lauren/VR), sold concessions on Saturday or Sunday. **Leslie Flinn**(Michael/JazzO), **Martuerite Krieg**(Nick/Cad) **Jennifer Leventhal**(Eric/JazzO,) **Kristi Licocci**(Kyle/BB) baked for a soiree **Cynthia Hallas**(Ian/Sym) arranged bakers for the soirees.

**Pam Owens Harmon**(Aryn/Read, Ellyn/Read, and Elisabeth/Sym/Chor), **Joy Piao**(Chris Gao/Con/Prep), **Sue Meehan**(Shannon/Cad & Sean/JazzE), **Liz Lemman**(Abby/Cad & Jason/Con), **Mary Baukert**(Hannah/Con), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Con/VR), **Debbie Gray**(Emily/Chor & Erin/Con/JazzO), **Anne Feeney**(Ian/JazzE), **Donna Schardt**(Alyssa/Sym), **Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym), **Lali Watt**(Rian/Con, Dale/Prep, Liah/Prep/VR), **Mary Syc**(Katie/VR), **Terry Duggan**(Yuri/Cad), **Don Tunkl**(Aliza/Alum), **Gayle Gottfried**(Gabriella/Cad), **Mary Jo Biersteker**(Laura/Sym), **Joan Garner**(Callie/Prep), **Kenneth Michaels**(Kayla/Prep), **Jo Beckwith**(Daniel/Combo & Andrew/BB/Sym), **Mary Ann Donahue**(Mary Rose/Con, Conor/Cad, Grace/Read & Kevin/Read), **Cynthia Hallas**(Ian/Sym) helped in the planning for our volunteer needs at our PVO meeting.

**Yiding Hao**/Conc, **Rebecca Rudy**/Sym and **Billy Thoms**/Sym helped students in Reading, Cadet or Prep Orchestra.

**JR Simpson**(Shane/JazzO) built a ramp to move the pianos onto the stage. **Mark Harmon**(Aryn/Read, Ellyn/Read, and Elisabeth Owens/Sym/Chor) continues to help with the theory computers. **Ron Tuminello**(Darius/JazzE & Kateri/Cham) and **Bruce Schafernak** (Allison/Sym/JazzC) helped with snow removal **Stuart Hersh**(Ellie/Sym) replaced light bulbs. **Don Tunkl**(Aliza/Alum) helped with maintaining the building and fish tank. **Mark McIntosh**(Nathan/Prep), **Jo Beckwith**(Daniel/Combo & Andrew/Sym/BB) made the beautiful holiday centerpieces.

**Diane Naftzger**(Devon/Sym/Con), **Anne Feeney**(Ian/JazzE), and **Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym) designed and coordinated the Benefit Invitations. **Donna Schardt**(Alyssa/Sym), **Indon P. Joo**(Mary/Con) **Jennifer Meyer**/Sym, **Lesley Hershman**(Hannah/Chor), **Liz Lemman**(Abby/Cad & Jason/Con), **Emely Jordan**(Lizzy/Con), **Denise Graf**(Miki.Cad), **Pam Potash**(Olivia/Cad), **Elisabeth Hodson**(Maria/Read), **Maki Debbie Gray**(Erin/Conc/JazzE & Emily/Chor), **Nancy Sauer**(Matthew/Cad), **Dianne Diefenderfer**(Ryan/BB), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Sym/VR), **Joy Piao**(Chris Gao/Con) **Julia Williams**(sister of Lauren/Sym), **Carrie Sweeney**(Michelle/Cad & Matt/Con), **Chun Wei Lin**(Henry/Con), **Rosann Park Jones**(Emily/Con & Rachel/Con & Carrie/Con), **Marianne Wood**(Emma Parkinson/Read), **Nina Strnad**(Nick Putnaum/Cham & Sam/Cham), **Derek Brand**(Cordelia/Con), **Tomoko Kawazn**(Elena/Prep), **Chun Wel Lin**(Henry/Con), **Jeanne Jurasek**(Courney/Prep), **Jackie Lutz**(Lydia/Cad), **Lesley Hershman**(Hannah/Chor) **Adina Salmansohn**(Raphael Chapman/Prep/VR & Ariel Chapman/Con/Sym) **Reid Wellenseik**(Peter Sparks/Read) helped with assembling our invitations for the benefit.

**Tonya Wells**(Jessica/Sym) coordinated Masterclass video taping. **Andre Badziak**(Natalia/Sym) **Simon Hao**(Yiding/Con) copied video onto DVD's **Janet Quigley**(Kristen/Sym) **Julia Tyde Michaels**(Kayla/Prep) **Wendy Quinn**(Daniel/PE), **Elisabeth Hodson**(Maria/Read) mailing. **Maki Wiering**(Anatole/Cad & Stella/Chor), **Barb Rothstein**(Greg/Chor) helped with data entry in the office.

**Pam Owens Harmon**(Aryn/Read, Ellyn/Read, and Elisabeth/Sym/Chor) organized the home stays for the Chinese families. The following students and their high schools hosted Chinese students from Beijing December 16 - 18. Barrington HS: **Alyssa Schardt**; Christian Science, **Courtney Sheldon**, Daniel Wright JHS: **Jorie Butler-Geyer**, **Ariel Chapman**, **Devon Naftzger**; Deepath Middle School: **Connor Donahue**; Deerfield HS: **Hannah Andreasen**, University of Illinois U/C: **Tessa Andreasen**; DePaul University: **David Kromolow**; Evanston HS: **Drew Banzhaf**, **Wills McKenna**, **Andrew Sowle**; Glenbrook North: **Kalli Angel**, **Antonio Cevallos**, **Daniel Kwak**, **Jasmine Lee**, **Justine Lee**; Glenbrook South: **Hannah Baukert**, **Dan Carson**, **Neil Carson**, **Richard Day**; Highland Park HS: **Michael Dranove**, **Olivia Jaras**; Lake Forest HS: **Eric Leventhal**, **Katie Syc**, **Anna Zhou**, **Tylee Lin**; Libertyville HS: **Emily Gray**, **Meredith Peacock**, **Weitao Qiang**; Maine South HS: **Natalia Badziak**; Marian Central Catholic: Autumn Chodorowski; Neuqua Valley HS: **James Franco**; New Trier HS: **Quinn Delaney**, **John Fatum**, **Michael Fatum**, **Austin Fisher**, **Ellie Hersh**, **Natalie Lande**, **Theresa Paine**, **Jackie Reilly**, **Robert Sameh**, **Rian Watt**; Niles West HS: **Heather Funai**; **Spencer Love**; Northwestern University: **Caroline Rothstein**, **James Rein**; Prospect HS: **Evelyn O'Connell**; Rondout MS: **Erin Gray**; St. Joseph HS: **Billy Thoms**, **Johnny Thoms**; Stevenson HS: **Nina Johnson**, **Emily Lutter**, **Elisabeth Owens**, **Christopher Wellems**; Univ. of Chicago Lab School: **Josie Mintel**; Vernon Hills MS: **Keunsup Shin**; Warren Township HS: **Erin Kulesus**; Wilmette JHS: **Yang Ruan**, **James Stinehart**.

Thank you to the following Voices Rising families for helping with the Welcome Yule concerts. **Fry**, **Gordon**(Zoe/VR), **Milligan**(Elyce/VR/Cad & Alison/Read), **Syc**(Katie/VR), **Hattenbach**(Kira/VR), **Gagerman**(Zalman/VR/Cad), **Caruso**(Brittany/VR), **Gilbert**(Lauren/VR), **Fischer**(Molly/VR), **Leja**(Alicia/VR), **Nagel**(Greta/VR), **Rovani**(Christine/VR/Con), **Cohn**(Stephanie/VR), **Goldstein**(Mia/VR), **Hultman**(Ryan/VR), **Brown**(Maudie/VR), **Ortega**(Anabel/VR), **Vaananen**(Mia/VR), **Meyers**(Kate/VR), **Cavanaugh**(Maddie/VR), **Lewis**(Daniel/VR), **Martin**(Meg/VR), **Cummins**(Noah/VR), **Donahue**(Paddy/VR), **Fraser**(Danielle/VR), **Sherman**(Rachel/VR), **Joseph**(Courtney/VR), **Bazylewicz**(Lesya/VR & Elissa/VR), **Hagen**(Julia/VR), **Munsterman**(Shelby/VR & Jared/VR), **Feldheim**(Colleen/VR & Brigit/VR), **Weilandt**(Julia/VR & Elise/VR).

**Thank you to all who have donated their time this semester.** 1971 hours have been donated so far! More than half of our families have donated at least 2 hours. Don't forget to fill out the volunteer log on line <http://www.mya.org/support/volunteer.php> or on the clip board in the office. If you have baked or brought goodies for a concert reception, or volunteered in some other way, please be sure to give yourself credit.

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Soiree "Back Stage" runner** – We are looking for someone to coordinate the musicians at our Sunday Soirees – contact Gena [genaandreasen@mya.org](mailto:genaandreasen@mya.org)
- Help **solicit auction items** – contact Ann Reilly [alreilly@comcast.net](mailto:alreilly@comcast.net).
- Coordinate **Ensemble Baskets** for the Benefit – contact Mary Syc at [move5050@aol.com](mailto:move5050@aol.com)
- We need adult chaperones for the Symphony and Big Band lock-in scheduled for January 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> – Contact Gena if you are interested.

- Annie Chalex Boyle needs a ride to O'Hare at 5:00 on January 26, February 9, 16, March 1, 15, April 5 and 12. If you can help with any of these dates please contact Gena.
- Mailing in lobby on Saturday, January 5.
- Benefit meeting in the Lobby January 12 at noon.
- We are in need of fire wood if anyone has a connection

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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).

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*KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!*

### **Kudos & Other**

♪ **James Franco** (viola/Symphony) was selected for the IMEA All-State Orchestra.

### **Member Birthdays!**

01/07, Jonas Tarm, violin, Concert

01/08, Maddie Cavanaugh, voice, Voices Rising

01/09, Josh Poucher, voice, Chorale & Concert

01/09, Jennifer Meyer, violin, Symphony

01/09, Abigail Toohey, violin, Cadet

01/11, Grace Pechianu, violin, Prep

01/11, Daniel Beckwith, percussion, Jazz Combo

01/12, Jennifer Wanandi, violin, Concert

01/12, Katie Syc, voice, Voices Rising