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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

### Dreamin' Jazz in January! Concert

**Sunday, January 27, at 5:00 PM**, hear MYA's Big Bands and Jazz combos under the direction of Nic Meyer at Ravinia's Bennett-Gordon Hall. Guest Artist, New York saxophonist, Dick Oatts, will be featured at the concert and in a master class on Saturday, January 26, at 3:00 PM at the MYA Center.

#### Concert location information

Bennett-Gordon Hall, Ravinia – please note the entrance to the parking lot is off of St. Johns Ave (entrance: St. Johns Ave. gate: north of Lake Cook Road & east of Green Bay Road).

#### Volunteers Needed!!

Volunteers are still needed to sell *Jazz in January* tickets on Sunday, January 20th and on Sunday, January 27th. On January 20th, we need someone from 12:00 to 2:00 and from 2:00 to 4:30. On January 27th, tickets will be sold at the door from 4:00 to 5:00, and we need some volunteers to help! *Jazz in January* tickets are also available for purchase on the Concerts & Events page on our website at [www.mya.org](http://www.mya.org).

### Chicago Chamber Musicians (CCM) Children's Concert

Amy Pikler, Emily Jones, Leah Ferguson and Ben Solomonow will be performing at CCM's Classical Idol! – an hour-long interactive concert for ages 4 and up. Midwest Young Artists' students and families receive \$2 off! **Performances are January 19 & 20 at 10:00 & 11:30 AM.** Please check the MYA bulletin board for more details. Faculty member Rami Solomonow and MYA parent and board member Barbara Butler are CCM Members!

### Chicago Consortium of Community Music Schools Concert

On **Sunday, January 20, at 3:00 PM** at the Chicago Cultural Center (74 E. Washington St., Chicago, IL) MYA's piano quartet with members Autumn Chodorowski, Rebecca Rudy, Austin Fisher and Christopher Owen will perform as representatives of Midwest Young Artists. The concert is free and open to the public.

### 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).

### MYA's Summer Music Festival 2008

We have many exciting Summer opportunities in store! Please pick up our Summer Flyers at the back entrance or go to our website under "Programs" and click on "Summer" to get more information!

#### Summer Programs at Carthage College, Kenosha, WI

- Strings and Piano Workshop
- Winds and Brass Workshop
  - Saxophone Workshop
  - Chicago Jazz Workshop
  - Early Music Workshop

#### Summer Programs at the MYA Center at Ft. Sheridan

- Young Musicians Chamber Music Camp
  - Flute Workshop
- Evening Programs for Jazz and Orchestra
  - Recording and Engineering Workshop

### MYA's New Wind Symphony Program

Keep Watch!!! Next week will be the first opportunity for Symphony members to sign up for MYA's New Honors Wind Symphony Program. The program is FREE to all participants. We will open this opportunity to the public at I.M.E.A.!

## Early & New Music Concert Rehearsal Schedule

February 3:	2:00-4:00 @ MYA (3:00-4:00 with Ellen Hargris, soprano)
February 9:	2:00-3:00 @ MYA
February 17:	6:00-8:00 @ MYA
March 1:	2:00-4:00 @ MYA with Chorale and Ellen Hargris, soprano
March 2:	5:00-6:00 Dress Rehearsal @ First United Methodist Church in Evanston
	6:00 Concert

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### PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### CHORAL

##### Chorale

Please arrive at **6:00 PM** if you are participating in the Madrigal singers for MYA's Benefit on February 9, 2008. Rehearsal will begin in MYA's Theory Room.

#### ORCHESTRA

Please Note: **Seating Auditions this Saturday for Viola, Cello and Bass** for **Concert, Prep and Cadet** Orchestras during your regular rehearsal time. This is also the last opportunity to play for **Symphony seating auditions**.

#### Cadet & Prep Orchestras

##### WINDS/BRASS/PERCUSSION SECTIONALS

8:45 - 9:30 a.m.	Cadet Orchestra
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	Prep Orchestra

#### JAZZ

##### Large Ensemble & Combo Schedule (Next Weekend)

###### Saturday, January 26

3:00 – 5:00 PM	Dick Oates Saxophone Master Class
5:00 - 6:15 PM	Rehearsal with 6 PM Combos (combined rehearsal)
6:15 - 7:00 PM	Dinner Break (Pot Luck)
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Rehearsal with 7PM Combos (combined rehearsal)
8:30 - 10:00 PM	Rehearse with 8 pm Combos (combined rehearsal)

###### Sunday, January 27

11:00 AM	Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal
12:00 PM	Jazz Orchestra Rehearsal
1: 00 – 3:00 PM	Big Band Rehearsal
3:30 PM	Move to Ravinia
4:15 PM	Call for all musicians
5:00 PM	<i>Dreamin' Jazz in January!</i> Concert at Bennett-Gordon Hall

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### VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

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"

#### Volunteer Spotlight!

**Edwin Chim (Leticia/Con & Peili/MYA Registrar)** for the third year in a row, Edwin taped the Open Division of the Walgreens Concerto Competition all day both days. In addition, he spent another 34 hours editing the tapes and transferring the individual performances to DVDs for each participant, a suggestion he made to improve processing the video this year. Everyone had a more relaxing two days and still, thanks to Edwin, we have delivered or mailed out all the DVDs within two weeks. Idea and action is what we love at MYA! Thank you, Edwin, for your continued support!

#### Volunteer Opportunities

- **MYA 's Benefit – We need help in the following areas on February 9**

<b>9:00 am – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>6 People</b> to help with Auction set up
<b>3:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>1 Person</b> to provide security for the auction items
<b>6:00 pm – 8:00 pm</b>	<b>2 People</b> to greet or check in guests
<b>6:00 pm – midnight</b>	<b>1 person</b> to supervise the musicians room
<b>6:00 pm – midnight</b>	<b>4 people</b> to supervise the auction and help with check out
<b>8:00 pm – midnight</b>	<b>6 people</b> to help with check out
<b>11:00 pm – midnight</b>	<b>4 people</b> to help with clean up (If you are attending a jazz festival, this would be a great way to finish the day!)
- **Soiree Stage Manager** – We are looking for a coordinator to make sure we have a volunteer to help "back stage" for our Sunday Soirees – contact Gena at [genaandreasen@mya.org](mailto:genaandreasen@mya.org) (This could be a work study position)
- **Firewood connection** We are almost out of wood.
- **Sell tickets** for the Jazz Concert this Sunday 2 to 4 – contact Donna [donnaschardt@mya.org](mailto:donnaschardt@mya.org)

- **Ensemble Baskets** Turn in your donations.
- **Chamber Competition Coordinator** February 17. This should not be too time consuming this year. We only have about 8 slots to fill with volunteers. Contact Gena

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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).

**Prospect High School:** Symphony Orchestra/Jazz IMEA Home Concert, Prospect Cafeteria, **Thursday, January 24 at 8:00 PM.**

**Stevenson High School:** Consortium Choral Concert, Performing Arts Center, **Monday, January 28 at 7:00 PM.**

**Stevenson High School:** Consortium Band Festival, Performing Arts Center, **Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00 PM.**

**Vernon Hills High School:** Band Concert, Auditorium, **Tuesday, January 29 at 7:30 PM,** Tickets: \$3 Adults, \$2 Students.

**Deerfield High School:** Concert & Symphonic Band Concert, Auditorium, **Wednesday, January 30 at 7:30 PM.**

**North Shore Country Day School:** All School Band Concert, Diller Street Theater, Winnetka, **Thursday, January 31 at 7:30 PM.**

**New Trier Jazz students** are collecting used instruments to donate to schools in New Orleans. Unlike the Chicago area, the schools own the instruments - not the students. Many schools lost all of their instruments with Hurricane Katrina. New Trier is working with the Tipitina's Foundation ([Tipitinasfoundation.org](http://Tipitinasfoundation.org)) Instruments are being driven down to New Orleans over Spring Break at the end of March. If someone would like to donate their used instrument or would like more information, they can send an e-mail to: [InstrumentsForNola@ntjazz.com](mailto:InstrumentsForNola@ntjazz.com) or go to [NTjazz.com](http://NTjazz.com) (tax deductible of course!).

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KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!

## Kudos & Other

♪ **Alan Snow (violin/Concert)** won DePaul University's Concerto Competition for middle school students – he will be playing Kabalevsky's *Violin Concerto* on January 27th with the Oistrakh Symphony.

♪ **Evelyn O'Connell (violin/Symphony)**, Junior at Prospect High School, won first place in the District 214 Soloist Concerto Competition on January 15th 2008. She played *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, Op 28* by Camille Saint Saëns. She will be the soloist with the Dist. 214 Honors Orchestra in the District Honors Music Festival on Wednesday, March 5th 2008 at Forest View Educational Center at 7:30 p.m.

## Member Birthdays!

01/20, Alexandra Field, violin, Reading

01/20, Ethan Jacobs, trumpet, Jazz Ensemble

01/21, Stella Wiering, voice, Chorale

01/24, Lydia Lutz, violin, Cadet

01/24, Andrew Beckwith, clarinet, Symphony & sax, Big Band

01/25, Julia Hagen, voice, Voices Rising

01/25, Isabella Field, violin, Reading

01/25, Catherine Sliva, viola, Symphony

01/25, Joe Hagen, voice, Voices Rising

01/26, Stephanie Shebesta, clarinet, Concert & voice, Chorale