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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.

Two Master Classes at MYA this weekend!

MYA's Master Class Series Presents

Jeffrey Irvine, Viola, Fynette H. Kulas Professor of Viola at Cleveland Institute of Music
3:00 PM - South Rehearsal Hall

Dick Oatts, Saxophone, Village Vanguard Orchestra
3:00 PM - North Rehearsal Hall

Both events are free and open to the public!

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

Ensemble Baskets for MYA's Benefit

Please bring your contribution for your ensemble basket this weekend. Envelopes, marked by Ensemble, are in the office for your convenience. We need everyone's participation! Thanks!

Theory Classes

As last Saturday was Peter Kupfer's final day of teaching before he heads off to do research in Russia next month, this week marks the first day for our new music theory instructor Paul Bhasin. Paul received his musical education from the University of Michigan and Northwestern University. As a trumpeter, he has performed with the New World Symphony and Civic Orchestra of Chicago, and as a soloist at the International Dvorak Festival (Prague), International Computer Music Conference, Aspen Music Festival, and on NPR. He currently heads the music department at Triton College, and is a former trumpet professor at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay. Paul brings years of teaching experience (including subbing for Mr. Kupfer in the past) and enormous energy to the job. Please welcome him to MYA!

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

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHORAL

Note: Super Bowl Sunday Rehearsal time Changes!

Voices Rising

- Don't forget to visit the Voices Rising page at mya.org to download our rehearsal tracks!
- **Recording opportunity!** Voices Rising has been asked to provide six singers to be children's voices on a professional recording of a song called "Colors of the World." If you love recording and want to be a part of this session, please let Mr. Fry know. The singers would be selected from those who are interested and, of course, available for the session (which would be sometime in February or early March, yet to be determined). You would need to learn the song in advance of the recording session, and you would not be paid. (You would, however, receive some great experience and a copy of the recording.)
- Due to the Super Bowl – Voices Rising February 3rd rehearsal will be changed from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

Chorale

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd, rehearsal will be from 1:00 to 3:00 PM rather than from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

ORCHESTRA

Cadet, Prep & Concert

Woodwinds & Brass auditions for 2nd semester.

Symphony

This is your last opportunity to sign up for MYA's exciting Honors Wind Symphony before we open it up to students outside of MYA! This experience is free to those that register. Concert is on Sunday, April 27.

JAZZ

Large Ensemble & Combo Schedule for January 26 & 27 (Please note schedule change!)

Saturday, January 26

- 3:00 – 5:00 PM Dick Oates Saxophone Master Class
5:00 - 6:15 PM Rehearsal with **6 PM Tuesday** & **7 PM Thursday** combos (combined rehearsal)
6:15 - 7:00 PM Dinner Break (Pot Luck)
7:00 - 8:30 PM Rehearsal with **6 PM Thursday** & **7 PM Tuesday** 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 *Dreamin' Jazz in January!* Concert at Bennett-Gordon Hall

IMPORTANT CONCERT INFORMATION – Please READ!

If you are in Jazz Ensemble or Jazz Orchestra, please do not arrive at Ravinia before 3:00 p.m. Students are to be dropped off at the stage door. Parents can park in the St. Johns' parking lot and walk to the front of the concert hall and enter the lobby. No parents are allowed back stage. We are guests at Ravinia and we want to be respected as a great group of students and parents.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

If you know of someone else who should be the spotlight, please go to our website at www.mya.org/support/volunteer and click on "Volunteer of the Week".

Volunteer Spotlight!

If you have spent much time at MYA, you have probably seen **Don Tunkl**. We came in on Tuesday morning this week, and who was shoveling the walk? **Don Tunkl**. Who comes in every Sunday and cleans out the aquarium? **Don Tunkl**. Who comes to MYA when the security alarms go off and no one is here? **Don Tunkl**. Who researched, interviewed and negotiated the contract for the new cleaning crew at MYA? **Don Tunkl**. Who arranged to have a new faucet installed in the kitchen so it would be easier to wash dishes and fill coffee pots? **Don Tunkl**. Don, whose daughter Aliza graduated almost 4 years ago, is as dedicated as ever. He has been taking care of all the "little" details of our beautiful building for years now, and we thank him.

Volunteer Opportunities

Saturday Concessions – We need people to help with the 12 – 2 shift on Saturdays. Especially this week! Please contact Jo Sheldon josheldon@wi.rr.com.

Benefit – We need help in the following areas on February 9 – Contact Gena.

10:00 am – 2:00 pm 1 person to help with the Benefit set up

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm 1 person to provide security for the auction items

6:00 pm – 11:30 pm 2 people to supervise the musicians room

6:00 pm – 11:30 pm 4 people to supervise the auction and help with check out

8:00 pm – midnight 2 people to help with check out

11:00 pm – midnight 4 people to help with clean up (If you are attending a jazz festival, this would be a great way to finish a music filled 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 genaandreasen@mya.org (This could be a work study position)

Firewood connection We are almost out of wood.

Ensemble Baskets Turn in your donations.

Chamber Competition Coordinator February 17. This should not be too time-consuming. Contact Gena

Concessions for Pick Staiger February 23. Contact 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.

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.**

Deerfield High School: Orchestra Festival, Auditorium, **Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 PM.**

Elgin High School: Band Concert, EHS Auditorium, **Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 PM.**

Evanston Township High School: Choral Festival, **Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 PM.**

Evanston Township High School: 5th Annual Evanston Jazz Festival (all day) with Concert featuring Phil Woods, **Saturday, February 9 at 7:00 PM.**

New Trier High School: 25th Annual Jazz Festival Concert featuring Frank Mantooth, Gaffney Auditorium, Winnetka, **Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 PM.**

Elgin High School: Choir Concert, EHS Auditorium, **Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 PM.**

Prospect High School: District 214 Symphonic Band Festival, Rolling Meadows HS, **Wednesday, February 13 at 7:30 PM.**

Elgin High School: Eastside Orchestra Festival, Larsen Middle School, **Thursday, February 14 at 7:00 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) 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 or go to NTjazz.com (tax deductible of course!).

KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!

Member Birthdays!

01/27, Katherine Jung, voice, Chorale

01/29, Yuzhi Zeng, violin, Concert

02/01, Sarah Beth Householder, percussion, Prep & Concert

02/01, Carly Neil, clarinet, Concert

02/02, Elena Kawazu, violin, Prep