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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

### No Chamber Music Coachings this Saturday

There are no Chamber Music coachings this Saturday unless your coach has specifically talked to your ensemble!!

### Note: Sunday Rehearsal Time Changes

Please note time changes under Program Information – Changes have been made due to Sunday's Super Bowl.

### Congratulations to Rhona Reagen!

MYA coach, **Rhona Reagen**, was selected as the Illinois Chapter of ASTA (American String Teachers Association) as **Outstanding Studio Teacher** and was recognized at their Annual luncheon in connection with the Illinois IMEA Conference in Peoria! Rhona has maintained a private teaching studio in Skokie since 1979, and we are happy for this very special recognition bestowed upon her by her colleagues.

### MYA's Benefit: February 9



Reservations are still being taken  
for this fun filled evening!!  
Go to [mya.org/benefit](http://mya.org/benefit)  
to reserve a spot today!!

### Early & New Music Concert Rehearsal Schedule

February 3<sup>rd</sup> Schedule:

1:00-4:00 Early Music Rehearsal at MYA

1:00-2:30 Orchestra alone

2:30-3:00 Bach; 3:00-3:30 Purcell; 3:30-4:00 with Ellen Hargris, soprano

### Miami Frost School at MYA

University of Miami Frost School of Music Regional Auditions are being held at MYA on February 5.

### MYA's Master Class Series, February 10<sup>th</sup>

MYA welcomes a faculty string trio from Baldwin Wallace Conservatory from 12:00 – 2:00 PM. For more information please go to MYA's Concerts and Events page at [mya.org/events](http://mya.org/events). Following the master class will be MYA's Sunday Soiree featuring many of MYA's fine chamber ensembles.

### Chicago Chamber Music Competition, February 17<sup>th</sup>!

MYA is hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chicago Chamber Music Competition on February 17 at the MYA Center! There are a total of 28 entries!! Please contact Gena if you are available to volunteer!

### MYA's Summer Music Festival 2008

Don't forget to check out our bulletin boards to see what exciting camps we are offering this Summer!!

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### CHORAL

**Note: Super Bowl Sunday Rehearsal time Changes!**

#### Choristers

Rehearsal is from **1:00 – 2:00 PM** this Sunday and will take place in the Theory Room

#### Voices Rising

- THIS SUNDAY'S REHEARSAL is from **3:00 – 5:00 PM**. We'll return to our regular rehearsal time on February 10.
- FUNDRAISING CD money and unsold discs will be due back no later than Sunday, February 17. You can turn in money you've collected at any time to Mr. Fry or Mrs. Cook.

- NEWS: Mr. Fry was the guest conductor for the New Trier High School Choral Festival for area junior high schools on Tuesday, January 29. He conducted "Nothing I'd Rather Do," an a cappella jazz choral piece he wrote that was commissioned for the festival.

## Chorale

Rehearsal this Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be from **1:00 to 3:00 PM** rather than from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

## ORCHESTRA

### Reading, Cadet, and Prep

Mr. Pearson will be at the Illinois All-State Festival this weekend with his students from Oak Park River Forest High School.

## JAZZ

- **Please note: There are no Combo rehearsals this Tuesday, February 5!**
- **Note: Super Bowl Sunday Rehearsal time Changes!**

11:30 PM Theory I  
12:00 PM Jazz Ensemble  
1:00 PM Jazz Orchestra  
2:00 PM Theory II  
2:30 PM Big Band

- **Jazz in the Meadows Conflicts with February 23 Concert!!!**

ALL JAZZ STUDENTS SHOULD E-MAIL MR. MEYER IMMEDIATELY if you are participating in the Jazz in the Meadows Festival on February 23.

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## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

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

## Volunteer Spotlight!

**Pam Owens Harmon** (Aryn/Read, Ellyn/Read, and Elisabeth/Sym/Chorale) steps up to whatever tasks are at hand. The words that readily come from her are "just tell me what you want me to do," and she means it. She is our Parent Volunteer Organization president, helping Gena coordinating all of our volunteer efforts throughout the year. In China she coordinated all of the room assignments in addition to updating the MYA blog. Still suffering from jet lag, she stayed over night for the Symphony lock-in at the end of August, and then again at the January lock-in. When the Beijing youth orchestra came to Chicago, Pam arranged the home stays. No dilemma is without a solution, and each challenge is greeted with an optimistic attitude. We are grateful!

## Help the Winter Doldrums by Volunteering!

**PVO Meeting** – Sunday, February 3, will be postponed to February 16 at noon due to the Super Bowl!

**Benefit** – We still need help in the following areas on February 9

<b>9:00 am – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>2 people</b> to help with Auction set up
<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>3 people</b> to help with check out
<b>11:00 pm – midnight</b>	<b>2 people</b> to help with clean up (If you have a jazz festival, this would be a way to help that 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](mailto:genaandreasen@mya.org) (This could be a work study position)

**Firewood connection** We are almost out of wood.

**Ensemble Baskets** Last chance to turn in your donations.

### Chamber Competition

Sunday, February 17

We need one person to do each of the following jobs: check in, warm-up room monitor, timer, and videotape.

The time slots are 9:00 – 11:00 AM, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, and 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

Please let Gena [genaandreasen@mya.org](mailto:genaandreasen@mya.org) know which job you would like to do and when!

## Thank you!

Thank you to all who attended our Benefit meeting **Joyce Allen**(Stephanie/Con), **Pam Owens Harmon**(Aryn/Read, Ellyn/Read, and Elisabeth/Sym/Chorale) **Midori O'Connell**(Evelyn/Sym), **Diane Naftzger**(Devon/Con/Sym), **Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym), **Ann Reilly**(Jackie/VR), **Jan Quigley**(Kirstin/Sym), **Patti Brand** (Codelia/Con), **Carol Mavrakis**(Theodore/Prep), **Kathy Pappas**(Ian/Con), **Tom Sharp**(Andrew/Con), **Cynthia Funai**(Collen/Sym & Heather/Sym), **Anne Feeney**(Ian/JazzE), **Mary Syc**(Katie/VR). It was a fun and productive. **Cathy Popp**, **Anne Feeney**, **Carol Mavrakis**, **Kathy Pappas**, **Pam Owens**, **Ann Reilly**, **Aldine Schwarzenbach**(Boris/Prep & Bjorn/Sym) took time out of their Monday morning to meet at the Michigan Shores Club to go over logistics for the Benefit. Thank you! **Ann Reilly**(Jackie/VR), **Judith Horwitz**(Marcello Molinaro/JazzO), **Mary Syc**(Katie/VR) helped with the auction.

**Valerie Shapiro**(Jake/JazzC) sent out emails keep **Nina Simpson**(Shane/JazzO/JazzC), **Ross Jones**(Carrie/Con, Rachel/Con, & Emily/Con), **Carol McCardle**(Ben Solomon/Jazz) sold tickets to the Jazz in January Concert.

**Pam Owens Harmon**(Aryn/Read, Ellyn/Read, and Elisabeth/Sym/Chorale), **Gena Andreasen**(Hannah/Sym/Chorale) **Dr. & Mrs. D, and Nic Meyer** stayed overnight at the Symphony and Big Band lock-in, **Mary and Tom Hillstrom**(George/Sym), **Eric Chapman and Adina Salmansohn**(Raphael/Prep/VR & Ariel/Con/Sym), **Marnee McKee**(Kristen/Sym), arrived early to prepare pancakes and sausage for everyone. **Diane Thoms**(Billy/Sym, Johnny/Prep), **Amy Acri**(Emily/Sym) provided baked goods for the lock-in.

**Ian Watt**(Rian/Con, Dale/Prep & Liah/VR/Prep) set us up with reliable recording equipment and instructions for our seating auditions. **Tammy Lathan**(Megan/Con) coordinated the volunteers for seating auditions. **Jing Chen, Dianne Diefenderfer**(Ryan/BB), **Kristi Gardner**(Jen/Sym), **Sue Gaynor**(Natalie/Sym), **Steve Hoffmeyer**(Alex/Sym), **Steve Katz**(Tyler/Con), **Brian Love**(Spencer/Sym), **Joan Matthews**(Lauren Williams/Sym), **Charley Mattenson**(Sam/Con) recorded the seating auditions. **Joe Sameh**(Robert/JazzO) video taped the jazz master class.

**Yiding Hao**/Con helps the violins in the Cadet Orchestra. **Billy Thoms**/Sym and **Rebecca Rudy**/Sym help with Reading Orchestra on trumpet and viola.

**Melinda & Joel Hoiland**(Britta/Con), **Dave Kalensky**(Fiona/Cad), **Larua Wells**(Erin/Con), **Lisa Ramsey**(Lydia/Sum, Soren/Prep/Con, and Gretchen/Cad), **Rosann Park-Jones**(Carrie/Con, Rachel/Con, & Emily/Con), **Jo Sheldon**(Courtney/Sym), **Steve Yadanza**(Emily/Prep), **Yuelin Dai**(Michael Brown/Prep), **Emily Rodriguez**(Lizzy Jordan/Con), **Diane Thoms**(Johnny/Prep & Billy/Sym), **Marnee McKee**(Kristen/Sym), **Maria Sniezek**(Konrad/Prep), **Daniel Love Glazer**(Rachel/Con), **Marcy Griffith-Petros**(Zoe/Cad & Sophie/Read), **Melinda Rudy**(Rebecca/Sym), **Susan O'Nan**(Emily Murphy/Prep), **Gabi Smith**(Amanda/VR) **Patti Brand**(Cordelia/Con), **Nancy Sauer**(Matthew/Cad), **Diane Thoms**(Johnny/Prep & Billy/Sym), **Lisa Ramsey**(Lydia/Sym, Sore/Prep & Greta/Cad) helped with Concessions.

**Rosann Park-Jones**(Carrie/Con, Rachel/Con, & Emily/Con), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Con/VR), **Patti Brand**(Cordelia/Con), **Judy Bunda**(Sarah/Prep), **Kirsten Michelotti**(Camille/Con) helped with our mailings. **Gabi Smith**(Amanda/VR) wrote an article for the newspaper.

**Mark Harmon**(Aryn/Read, Ellyn/Read, and Elisabeth/Sym/Chorale), **Ron Tuminello**(Darius/JazzE & Kateri/Chamber) put together the cubicle for theory **Jo Beckwith**(Andrew/Sym/BB & Daniel/Combo) cleaned and put away our December decorations and adorned the building with a beautiful winter look. **Don Tunkl**(Aliza/Alum) continues to take care of our building and fish.

**Dan Lindwall**(Hillary/Con), **Una McGeough**(Aidan Perreault/Prep), **Liz Leman**(Abbey/Cad & Jason/Con) **Natalie Jacobsen**(Elisabeth/Sym & Jessica/VR), **Joan Garner**(Callie/Prep) helped with Adopt a School.

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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 Conerts, competitions, etc. – email [susancook@mya.org](mailto:susancook@mya.org).*

**Stevenson High School:** Winter Orchestra Chamber Music Festival, **Wednesday & Thursday, February 6 & 7, at 7:00 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.**

**Glenbrook North High School:** Variety Show, **Thursday & Friday, February 7 & 8 at 7:30 PM & Saturday, February 9 at 8:00 PM.**

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

**New Trier High School:** 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Frank Mantooth Jazz Festival Concert featuring the Chicago Jazz Ensemble, 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.**

**Neuqua Valley High School:** District 204 Solo and Ensemble Festival, **Monday, February 18.**

**Warren Township High School:** Warren Jazz Festival, O'Plaine Campus Auditorium, Gurnee, **Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 PM.**

**Buffalo Grove High School:** District 214 Symphony Band Festival, BG Theater, **Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 PM.**

**Glenbrook South High School:** Glenbrook South V-Show, **Wednesday-Saturday, February 20-February 23 at 7:30 PM.**

**Glenbrook North High School:** Winter Band Concert, **Thursday, February 21 at 7:30 PM.**

**New Trier High School:** Choraliers Concert, McGee Theatre, Winnetka, **Thursday, February 21 at 7:30 PM.**

**Woodlawn Middle School:** Band & Choral Concert (Gr. 6-8), Long Grove, **Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 PM.**

**Prospect High School:** Jazz Band I & II at Jazz in the Meadows Festival, Rolling Meadows High School, **Saturday, February 23.**

**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!

♪ **Brian Chang** (piano/Chamber), **Ryan Murphy** (violin/Symphony) & **Stan Moore** (cello/Symphony) 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winners at the Rembrandt Chamber Music Competition.

♪ **Autumn Chodorowski (violin/Symphony)** Last year, Autumn was the senior division winner for the Mendelssohn Chandler Starr Competition. As a result, one of the judges who is the conductor of the Mendelssohn Chamber Orchestra, asked her if she would prepare Mozart Violin Concerto #3, 1st mvt. to solo with the group. The concert will be on Friday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 PM, at Court Street United Methodist Church in Rockford, IL. It is part of a concert entitled "Evolution of the Classical Style".

♪ **Ryan Diefenderfer (trombone/Big Band)** was selected to the IMEA All State Future Music Educators program being held Jan. 31- Feb. 2 in Peoria. Ryan was also selected to perform with the Northshore Concert Band, directed by Dr. Mallory Thompson, in Concert on Sunday, Feb. 10th at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall for the *Lifetime of Music* initiative.

## **Member Birthdays!**

02/03, Josh Moller, tenor sax, Jazz Ensemble

02/04, Namrata Sridhar, violin, Reading

02/05, Hannah Andreasen, voice, Chorale & cello, Symphony

02/05, Abby Leman, violin, Cadet

02/06, Michael Flinn, double bass, Jazz Orchestra

02/06, Ashley Dainas, voice, Chorale

02/06, Sam Putnam, violin, Chamber Music

02/06, John Pak, violin, Prep

02/06, Nicholas Putnam, cello, Chamber Music

02/08, Tom Berg, bari sax, Jazz Orchestra

02/09, Grace Wang, flute, Cadet

02/09, Elliott Ostrowski, trumpet, Jazz Orchestra