



Midwest Young Artists  
inspiration through music

# Tuning Fork

MYA's Weekly News

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### GENERAL INFO

- Old & New Dreams Early & New Music Concert
- MYA's Summer Music Festival 2008
- Dream with Us Endowment
- Master Class Series
- Faculty & Friends Concert

### PROGRAM INFO

- Choral
- Jazz
- Orchestra

### VOLUNTEER INFO

- Volunteer Spotlight
- Volunteer Opportunities

### UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

### KUDOS & B-DAYS!

## Old & New Dreams: Part 2

### Early & New Music Performance Schedule

March 1, 2008

2:00-4:00 Early Music Ensemble rehearsal with Ellen Hargis, soprano (2:45-4:00 with Chorale)

March 2, 2008, at First United Methodist Church of Evanston

3:00 PM: New Music Dress

4:30 PM: Early Music Dress

6:00 PM: Concert

Tickets to this performance are available for all MYA students – just stop by the MYA office during the week or on Saturday to pick one up!

## Have you Signed up for MYA's Summer Music Festival 2008?

MYA has several great Summer Music Workshops at MYA and at Carthage College!!! Please check out our Summer Music Festival information online at [www.mya.org/summer](http://www.mya.org/summer) or pick up flyers at our back entrance!!!!

## Dream with Us Endowment

MYA's endowment campaign is in the home stretch! We hope families new to MYA this year will have dessert at the MYA Center on **Friday, March 7, at 7:00 PM**, and hear about the importance of this campaign to MYA. By March 31, 2008, we hope to have all the stars in the building on the west side of the hallway. Stars are moved there as each family makes a contribution in any amount. The goal is 100% participation and we can make it with all of your help!

## Master Class Series

MYA's Master Class Series Presents:

**Dale Clevenger, Principal Horn, Chicago Symphony Orchestra**

Saturday, March 8 at 3:00 PM

**Avalon String Quartet**

Saturday, March 8 at 3:00 PM

(Check Bulletin Board or Concerts & Events listing to see which ensembles are scheduled to perform.)

If your ensemble is not scheduled and you are all available, let Robert Bassill know and he will put you on a waiting list and let you know if there are any cancellations.

## Faculty & Friends Concert

MYA Presents the **Avalon String Quartet**, hailed "as one of the most exciting string quartets in America!"

**Sunday, March 9, 2008**

**2:00 PM**

Free and Open to the Public!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear one of the best quartets in the country!

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### JAZZ

#### ALL JAZZ STUDENTS

**New: Jam Session** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month!!! The Jam Session is open to all MYA students and it is open to your non-MYA friends too!

The first Jam Session will be March 2, 2008.

March 2, 2008 Jazz Schedule Change

Jazz 3 Theory	Cancel
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Big Band rehearsal
6:30 PM	break (order pizza)
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Jam Session

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

## CHORAL

### Chorale

Extra rehearsal: Saturday, March 1, from 2:45 – 4:00 PM (at MYA)!!  
Dress rehearsal: Sunday, March 2, 4:30 PM, First United Methodist Church of Evanston  
Concert: Sunday, March 2, 6:00 PM

## ORCHESTRA

### Cadet & Prep

#### WINDS/BRASS/PERCUSSION SECTIONALS

8:45-9:30 AM Cadet Orchestra  
2:00-2:45 PM Prep Orchestra

---

## 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!

**Phil Mazur** (Rebecca/Alum) has been an invaluable volunteer since long before 2000, the year his daughter, Rebecca, graduated from MYA. He has been our loyal "roadie" at just about every Concert we've had. Driving the truck to and from MYA, unloading and loading on both ends. He spends the entire day at whatever venue we are performing, and lends a hand wherever it is needed. He always has a smile and/or a joke to help the work along. We are forever thankful for all of the help Phil continues to give us.

## MYA Volunteer Opportunities

### **According to the Chicago Tribune, volunteer work is good for your heart!**

*A glass of wine, yoga class, exercise...and volunteer work can lower stress levels, thus lessening the chance of heart disease, says Lynda Powell, chairwoman of the department of preventive medicine at Rush University Medical Center. For your health's sake – Volunteer! Here is the link if you would like to read the full article. [http://www.chicagotribune.com/features/lifestyle/q/chi-0224\\_heart\\_d\\_k\\_nfeb24.0.5635228.story](http://www.chicagotribune.com/features/lifestyle/q/chi-0224_heart_d_k_nfeb24.0.5635228.story)*

## Volunteer Needs

- Shovel and salt the walks – especially to the basement.
- Bring Baked goods for the Soiree this Sunday and March 9. Contact Cynthia Hallas @ [challas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:challas@sbcglobal.net)
- Sunday, March 2, New and Early Music Concert
  - We need help resetting the chairs after the concert. If you can stay for 5 or 10 minutes afterward, we could use your help.
  - 2 Ticket Sales volunteers needed from 5:00 - 6:00 PM, Sunday, March 2 at First United Methodist Church of Evanston. Please contact Donna Schardt at [donnaschardt@mya.org](mailto:donnaschardt@mya.org) if available.
- Family Fun & Music Fest – May 18, 12:00 to 6:00  
Contact Alison Bartusiak @ [alison.bartusiak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alison.bartusiak@sbcglobal.net) or Gena
  - Help with planning
  - Sign up to perform with your MYA group or a school group on that day – sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the office.

## Volunteer Thank You's!

**Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym) as Benefit Chair, supervised all of the names listed below to create a elegant evening of fun and camaraderie. **Anne Feeney**(Ian/JazzE), Cathy's creative assistant, ensured that all parts of the event artistically encompassed the wonderful theme of A Midwinter Night's Dream, **Diane Naftzger**(Devon/Con/Sym) designed the creative invitations and programs for the event. **Joyce Allen**(Stephanie/Con) **Elke Friedman**(Adler Scheidt/JazzO) **Joan Garner**(Callie/Prep), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Con/VR), **Mary Ann Topping**(Alyssa/Chorale) helped put together the program book. **Rochelle Ascheim**(Victoria/Alum) wrote all of the calligraphy on the invitations. **Judith Horwitz**(Marcello/JazzO) entered all of the data for the auction items, stored the items at her home, and designed beautiful signs for each one. **Ann Reilly**(Jackie/VR) coordinated the auction solicitation, **Elisa Kline**(Emmie/VR & Hailey/VR) and **Adina Salmansohn**(Ariel Chapman/Con/Sym & Raphael Chapman/Prep) helped with auction solicitation, **Mary Syc**(Katie/VR) Coordinated all of the Ensemble baskets. **Kathy Berghoff**(David/Con & Dan/Sym), **Karen Franco**(James/Sym), **Tracy Gordon**(Zoe/VR & Amanda/Chori), **Keith and Deb Gray**(Erin/Con/JazzO & Emily/Chorale), **Wendy Koch**(Hayley/Chorale), **Sue Meehan**(Sean/JazzE & Shannon/Cad), **Maria Belciak Sniezek**(Konrad/Prep) pulled together the ensemble baskets. **Aldine Schwarzenbach**(Bjorn/Sym & Boris/Prep) created and donated the beautiful flower arrangements. **Kathy Pappas**(Ian/Con) chose the tasty party favors and displayed them appealingly, **Jan Quigley**(Kristin Quigley/Sym) coordinated the raffle and sold tickets at the event with the help of **Jackie Reilly**/Chorale & **Katie Syc**/Chorale, **Pam Owens Harmon**(Elisabeth Owens/Sym, Aryn Harmon/Read, Eilyn Harmon/Read) helped with auction display, provided security in the afternoon, greeted our guests, organized all of the volunteers for the evening, and coordinated the auction check out. **Maureen Carson**(Neil/BigB & Dan/Sym/BigB), **Diane Fisher**(Austin/Sym), **Joy Piao**(Chris Gao/Con), **Wendy Koch**, **Hayley Koch**/Chorale) helped display the auction items that day. **Carol Mavrakis**(Theodore/Prep) coordinated all of the musicians who performed that evening, **Jon Mandell**(Noah/JazzE). **Cindy Kraft**(Becca/Chorale) and **Terri Neil**(Carly/Con) graciously greeted our guests. **Midori O'Connell**(Evelyn/Sym) & **Donna Schardt**(Alyssa/Sym) helped with auction check out. **Hannah Andreasen**/Sym, **Elisabeth Owens**/Sym, **Alyssa Schardt**/Sym, **Maria Belciak Sniezek**(Konrad/Prep), and **Marrietta Stevens** worked the night of the auction. **Lauren Schardt**(Alyssa's sister) did the art

work for our logo. Thank you to the staff for all of their administrative support during the preparations for the benefit **Gena Andreasen, Peili Chim, Susan Cook, Karen Dennis, Cynthia Funai, Derek Handley, Donna Schardt.**

Thank you to all of our students who entertained our guests the evening of the Benefit. It demonstrated what makes MYA so special.

<b>Hannah Andreasen</b>	<b>Olivia Jaras</b>	<b>Jackie Reilly</b>
<b>Ivan Arden</b>	<b>Bryan Jarrett</b>	<b>Rebecca Ritchie</b>
<b>Eric Bauer</b>	<b>John Klaess</b>	<b>Kenan Serenbetz</b>
<b>Mary Clare Becks</b>	<b>Casey Klint</b>	<b>Steph Shebesta</b>
<b>Andrew Beckwith</b>	<b>Becca Kraft</b>	<b>Marissa Simmons</b>
<b>Daniel Berghoff</b>	<b>Will Kyriazis</b>	<b>Amanda Smith</b>
<b>Dan Carson</b>	<b>Joon Lee</b>	<b>Elena Snow</b>
<b>Neil Carson</b>	<b>Kyle Licocci</b>	<b>Michael Solotke</b>
<b>Antonio Cevallos</b>	<b>Noah Mandell</b>	<b>Ben Steinhorn</b>
<b>Christine Deeter</b>	<b>Brandon McQuaid</b>	<b>Kevin Stevens</b>
<b>Ryan Diefenderfer</b>	<b>Melissa Meyer</b>	<b>Daniel Stone</b>
<b>Hannah Feick</b>	<b>Evelyn O'Connell</b>	<b>Katie Syc</b>
<b>Evan Fojtik</b>	<b>Cala O'Connor</b>	<b>Billy Thoms</b>
<b>Kevin Golden</b>	<b>Theresa Paine</b>	<b>John Tucker</b>
<b>Erin Gray</b>	<b>Amy Pikler</b>	<b>Stella Wiering</b>
<b>Samantha Haake</b>	<b>Charlie Pikler</b>	<b>Lauren Williams</b>
<b>Ian Hallas</b>	<b>Joshua Poucher</b>	
<b>Greg Hanford</b>	<b>Andy Quinn</b>	

Thanks goes to the parents who helped with our first ever Chamber Music Competition. **Richard Blessing**(Alexander/Con), **Janet Hersh**(Ellie/Con), **Una McGeough**(Aidan Perreault/Prep) greeted the participants and gave them direction. **Edwin Chim**(Leticia/Con) video taped all of the performances. **Jennifer Leventhal**(Eric/JazzO), **Robyn Plotner-Sax**(Josh Plotner/JazzO), **Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym) supervised the warm-up rooms ensuring each group was able to rehearse before the competition. **Kristi Gardner**(Jen/Sym), as the timer, kept the competition running on time. **Kevin Leman**(Abbey/Cad & Jason/Con). Thanks to them, our first year ran very smoothly and was a wonderful success.

With all the help we had last Saturday the Pick-Staiger Concert ran smoothly. Thanks to all who helped with program assembly at Pick-Staiger. Unfortunately, the volunteer log wasn't out, so we don't have names. Please sign the volunteer log in the office or on line so we can enter your volunteer time. **Lali Watt**(Dale/Prep & Liah/VR/Prep) **Rian Watt**/Con & **Donna Schardt**(Alyssa/Sym) coordinated and sold tickets for the Concert. **Nina Simpson**(Shane/JazzO), **Cynthia Funai**(Colin/Sym & Heather/Sym), **Saras Te**(Ronald/JazzE & Ryan/Con), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Con/VR). **Karen Chiodo**(Anthony/Sym & Kathryn/Cad) sold tickets to the Pick-Staiger Concert. **Peili Chim**(Leticia/Con) picked up all of the Concessions, **Elizabeth & Mark Hodson**(Maria/Read) transported the Concessions to Pick-Staiger. **Dave Kalensky**(Fiona/Cad) set up the Concessions. **Joyce and Dennis Jasieniecki**(Kevin/Sym), **Joy Piao**(Chris Gao/Con/Prep), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Con/VR), **Bruce Scheer**(Tiffany/VR), **Christian Schmidt**/Sym, **Saras Te**(Ronald/JazzE & Ryan/Con), **Shirley Xie**(Katherine/Cad), sold Concessions. **Ken Michaels**(Kayla/Prep) managed all of the ensembles back stage during the 3:00 Concert. **Kristi Gardner**(Jen/Sym) helped back stage for the Concert Orchestra dress rehearsal. **Nicole Carson**(Ellory Longdon/Read), **Mary Anne Donahue**(Conor/Cad/Prep, Mary Rose/Cad, Kevin/Read, & Grace/Read), **Terry Duggan**(John/Cad), **David Dunham**(Michael/Cad), **Paula Fitzgibbons**(Adia Odeline/Read), **Renee Pierson**(Daniel/BigB & Anna/Cad), **Annie Reneau**(Avery/Read) worked back stage and sat with the Reading and Cadet Orchestra during the second half of the Concert. **Heidi Locker-Scheer**(Tiffany/VR), **Herb Munsterman**(Shelby/VR) chaperoned Voices Rising back stage, taking photos and helping out in whatever way was necessary.

**Yiding Hao**/Con helped the violins in the Cadet Orchestra. **Billy Thoms**/Sym helped with Reading Orchestra on trumpet. **Yuelin Dai**(Michael Brown/Prep), **Lisa Dettling**(Danielle/Con), **Melinda & Joel Hoiland**(Britta/Con), **Yu Li**(Richard/Con), **Dave Kalensky**(Fiona/Cad), **Rosann Park-Jones**(Carrie/Con, Rachel/Con, & Emily/Con), **Adina Salmansohn**(Ariel Chapman/Con/Sym & Raphael Chapman/Prep), **Sue Sowle**(Andrew/Con), **Jo Sheldon**(Courtney/Sym), **Steve Yadanza**(Emily/Prep), **Emily Rodriguez**(Lizzy Jordan/Con), **Julia Williams & Joan Matthews**(Lauren Williams/Sym), **Lisa Peterman**(Andy/JazzE), **Karen Glazer**(Rachel/Con), **Marcy Griffith-Petros**(Zoe/Cad & Sophie/Read), **Patti Brand**(Cordelia/Con), **Diane Thoms**(Johnny/Prep & Billy/Sym), **Kathy Widitz**(Peter/Con) helped with Concessions and baking.

**Mary Anne Donahue**(Mary Rose/Cad & Conor/Cad/Prep), **Grace Donahue**/Read, **Kevin Donahue**/Read, **Sue Meehan**(Shannon/Cad & Sean/JazzE), **Mary Perisic**(Cathryn/Read), **Kim Love**(Spenser/Sym), **Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym) **Jody & Rick Simmons**, **Marissa**/VR helped with our mailings.

Thanks to all who attended the PVO and/or May Family Fest planning meeting including: **Mary Anne Donahue**(Conor/Cad/Prep, Mary Rose/Cad, Kevin/Read, & Grace/Read), **Keith Gray**(Erin/Con/JazzO & Emily/Chorale), **Terry Duggan**(John/Cad), **Alison Bartusiak**(Emily/Cad & Elizabeth/Read), **Derek & Patti Brand**(Cordelia/Con), **Don Tunkl**(Aliza/Alum), **Carol Mavrakis**(Theodore/Prep), **Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym), **Lali Watt**(Rian/Con, Dale/Prep & Liah/VR/Prep), **Ken Michaels**(Kayla/Prep), **Diane Thoms**(Billy/Sym & Johnny/Prep), **Cynthia Hallas**(Ian/Sym), **Virginia Ruggeri**(Mike/Con), **Shirley Xie**(Katherine/Cad), **MC Chow**(Abigail/Prep).

**Andre Badziak**(Natalia/Sym) trained staff to edit and burn video. **Conor Donahue**/Cad/Prep recycled the office paper. **Mark Harmon** (Aryn/Read, Ellyn/Read, and Elisabeth/Sym/Chorale) continues his work on the theory computers. **Stu Hersh**(Ellie/Con) salted the walks and changed light bulbs around the building. **Marguerite Krieg**(Nick/Cad) helped with internet research. **Paul Jacobsen**(Elisabeth/Sym & Jessica/VR), **Bill Johnson**(Sam/Cad), **Tom Sharp**(Andrew/Con), **Ron Tumminello**(Darius/JazzE & Kateri/Chamber), shoveled and salted the walks which required chipping away at ice. **Don Tunkl**(Aliza/Alum) continues to take care of our building and fish.

---

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).*

**New Trier High School:** Solo & Ensemble Festival, Music Building, **Saturday, March 1, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM.**

**Buffalo Grove High School:** Choral & Band Concert, BG Theater, **Monday, March 3 at 7:00 PM.**

**Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove, John Hersey, Prospect, Rolling Meadows, and Wheeling High Schools:**

District 214 Honors Music Festival, Forest View Educational Center (FVEC) Field House, Arlington Heights, **Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 PM.**

**Elgin High School:** Musical, EHS Auditorium, **Thursday - Saturday, March 6 - 8 at 7:00 PM.**

**Glenbrook South High School:** Winter Band Concert, Glenview, **Thursday, March 6 at 7:30 PM.**

**New Trier High School:** Guys & Dolls, Gaffney Auditorium, **March 6 – 8 at 7:30 PM, March 9 at 2:00 PM.**

**Loyola Academy:** Jazz Festival, East Gym, Wilmette, **Saturday, March 8 at 7:30PM.**

**Stevenson High School:** Madrigal Dinner, The Arboretum Club, Buffalo Grove, **Sunday, March 9 at 12:00 & 6:30 PM.**

**Highland Park High School:** All-City Choral Festival, Auditorium, **Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 PM.**

**Warren Township High School:** Spring Band Concert I, O'Plaine Campus Auditorium, Gurnee, **Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00PM.**

**Deerfield High School:** Spring Choir Concert, Auditorium, **Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30PM.**

**Prospect High School:** District 214 Concert Band Festival, RMHS, **Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30PM.**

**Rolling Meadows High School:** Concert Band Fest, **Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30PM.**

**Warren Township High School:** Spring Band Concert II, O'Plaine Campus Auditorium, Gurnee **Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00PM.**

**Buffalo Grove High School:** 214 Concert Band Fest, BG Theatre **Thursday, March 13 at 7:30PM.**

**Glenbrook High School:** Jazz Ensemble Concert, **Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 PM.**

**Vernon Hills High School:** Jazz Concert featuring jazz violinist Randy Sabien, Auditorium, **Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 PM.**

**Warren Township High School:** Choral Concert, O'Plaine Auditorium, Gurnee, **Thursday, March 13 at 7:00PM.**

**New Trier High School:** Wind Ensemble Invitational Concert, Gaffney Auditorium, Winnetka, **Friday, March 14 at 7:30PM, Tickets: \$3.**

**Lake Zurich High School:** Wind Ensemble Invitational Concert, Millikin University Band, **Friday, March 14 at 7:00 PM.**

**Evanston Township High School:** Jazz Cabaret, Terrace, **Friday and Saturday, March 14 & 15 at 7:00PM.**

**Lake Zurich High School:** Orchestra Concert, **Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 PM.**

---

KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!

**Member Birthdays!**

03/04, Amy Kim, cello, Symphony

03/04, Brigit Feldheim, voice, Voices Rising

03/05, Anna Pierson, violin, Cadet

03/05, Grace Donahue, violin, Reading

03/05, Dale Watt, cello, Prep

03/05, Kevin Donahue, trumpet, Reading

03/06, Leah Ferguson, viola, Symphony

03/08, Julia Papillon, voice, Voices Rising

03/08, Emily Gray, voice, Choral