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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

## Congratulations to Chorale and the Early & New Music Ensembles!

Congratulations on a terrific performance at the First United Methodist Church of Evanston this past Sunday!

## Dream with Us Endowment Meeting this Friday!

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 May 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!

## Two Master Classes this Weekend!

**What is a master class?** MYA brings in a number of master teachers during the year to work with our students. These classes are like an open rehearsal. A chamber music ensemble or soloist performs what they are working on, and the master teacher listens and gives them feedback. There is great value to students who are not performing in the class to observe and learn. Many are playing the same pieces or will be in the future. Often the master teachers answer questions about their own experiences and give advice about how to practice and how to interpret a piece.

This Week - 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 string quartets in the country!

## Voices Rising off to New York!!

MYA's Voices Rising will be singing at the United Nations next Friday, March 14! This will be MYA's 1<sup>st</sup> visit to the U.N. A huge thank you to, Gary Fry, for all of his dedication and hard work!!!!

## Honors Wind Symphony

Rehearsals begin **Tuesday, March 18, 2008**, from **7:00 – 9:00 PM**. There are still spots available – check with Derek Handley in the MYA office for playing opportunities.

## 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!!!!

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### JAZZ

#### ALL JAZZ STUDENTS

**New: Jam Session** – Normally the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month!!!

**Has been rescheduled for this Sunday – March 9, 2008!!!!**

Please Note: March 9, 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

The Jam Session is open to all MYA students and it is open to your school friends too!

## CHORAL

### Chorale

MYA welcomes Jeff Nelson as 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter director for Chorale! Mr. Nelson is currently finishing up his doctorate degree at Northwestern University. Please welcome him on Sunday!

### Voices Rising

- We're headed for the Big Apple soon! **New York City trip participants:** Parent Meeting this Sunday right after our rehearsal, at 6:30 PM in the Lobby. During the meeting Gena Andreasen will be taking photos of each participating student so that they have a photo ID for the trip. Also, **we will have an additional rehearsal on Wednesday evening, March 12 (6:30-7:30 PM)** to be sure we're ready for the United Nations. This will be an open rehearsal that parents may attend.
- Trip participant medical forms are due this Sunday. Very important!!
- Just to clarify for New York City area friends or relatives who may want to see us perform at the United Nations: the only public performance will take place at approximately 12:45 PM in the UN Visitor's Lobby. If anyone wants to say "Hi", they should come early (we should be free and in the lobby area starting around 12:15) -- we will leave immediately after our performance and there will not be an opportunity to talk then.

## ORCHESTRA

**What are sectionals?** Sectionals are a chance to break the ensemble down into sections and work on getting smaller sections of the ensemble to play together. Directors enjoy the chance to either drill on passages that need work without wasting the time of other sections during the rehearsal. MYA often brings in experienced musicians to work with students. They are able to work out specific bowings and fingerings that work for the music or demonstrate how passages should be performed on their instruments.

### Cadet & Prep

#### Saturday, March 8, Sectional Schedule

##### WINDS/BRASS/PERCUSSION SECTIONALS

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

#### Saturday, March 15, Sectional Schedule

##### STRING SECTIONALS

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

### Concert & Symphony

On Saturday, March 15, John Yeh, Associate Principal Clarinet, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, will be subbing for Dr. D. Please make him feel welcome!

#### Saturday, March 15, Sectional Schedule

##### VIOLIN SECTIONALS

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Concert: Violin I & II (North Rehearsal Hall)  
8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Symphony: Violin I & II (South Rehearsal Hall)

#### Sunday, March 16, Sectional Schedule

##### CONCERT ORCHESTRA SECTIONALS

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion (South Rehearsal Hall)  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Violas (Barkei Room)  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Cellos (Kimee Room)  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Basses (Macey Room)

##### SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SECTIONALS

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion (North Rehearsal Hall)  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Violas (Barkei Room)  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cellos (Kimee Room)  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Basses (Macey Room)

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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!

**Judith Horwitz** (Marcello Molinaro/JazzO) has worked behind the scenes all year entering data on our auction items as we receive them. Although that was in her "job description," she didn't stop there. She has stored all of the items at her house ensuring that everything is safe and easy to keep track of. When display sheets were needed for each auction item at the Benefit, Judith willingly designed each sheet with care and creativity. The most wonderful news is that she will continue to enter the auction items as they come in for our Family Fun & Music Fest on May 18. Judith has put hours of unseen effort into the fundraising at MYA, and we are very grateful!

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Fire up those ovens! We need **Baked Goods** – Contact Cynthia Hallas at [challas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:challas@sbcglobal.net)
  - 2:00 Avalon Quartet performance March 9
  - Saturday
  - May 18
- **Family Fun & Music Fest – May 18, 12:00 to 6:00**
  - Help with planning: Kid's Activities, Auction Items, Raffle, Entertainment, Baking, Equipment, Set up.
  - 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.
  - Contact Alison Bartusiak ([alison.bartusiak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alison.bartusiak@sbcglobal.net)) or Gena ([genaandreasen@mya.org](mailto:genaandreasen@mya.org))
- **Attention Adopt a School Parents!**
  - We would like to have you attend a short **Adopt a School meeting** this weekend. We will give you information to share with your school(s) about the Family Fun & Music Fest. Please plan to attend one of the two meetings we are having.
  - **Saturday, March 8 at 11:30 or Sunday, March 9 at 1:00** (we would love to have you stay for the Avalon Quartet performance at 2:00)
- **Mailing** Please see 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).

**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 7:00 PM.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Schaumburg High School:** Jazz 'N Joe Coffeehouse, Cafeteria, featuring Danny Barber, trumpet, **Thursday, March 13, 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 7:00 PM.**

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

**Buffalo Grove High School:** Symphony Orchestra Concert, Pick-Staiger, Northwestern University, Evanston, **Monday, March 17 at 8:00 PM.**

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

**Neuqua Valley High School:** Winter Concert, Naperville, **Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 & 8:00 PM.**

**New Trier High School:** Percussion Ensemble Concert, Gaffney Auditorium, Winnetka, **Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 PM.**

**Rolling Meadows High School:** Spring Orchestra Concert, **Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 PM.**

**Vernon Hills High School:** Music Concert, Auditorium, **Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 PM,** tickets: \$3-Adults, \$2-Student.

**Deerfield High School:** Wind Ensemble/Jazz Band Concert, Auditorium, **Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 PM.**

**Glenbrook High School:** Symphony Orchestra, Northbrook, **Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 PM.**

**Libertyville High School:** Winter Orchestra Concert, Auditorium, **Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 PM.**

**New Trier High School:** Spring Choral Concert, Cornog Auditorium, Northfield, **Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 PM,** tickets: \$3.

**Rolling Meadows High School:** Spring Choir Concert, **Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 PM.**

**Schaumburg High School:** Concert benefits Center for Independent Futures-Schaumburg, Weimer Auditorium, **Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 PM.**

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## KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!

### Kudos

♪ **Andy Quinn (tenor sax, Big Band/Jazz Combo)** won an Outstanding Musician Award at the recent Jazz at the Meadows Festival in Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

### Member Birthdays!

03/09, Audrey Snyder, cello, Symphony

03/08, Emily Gray, voice, Chorale

03/10, Jentien Pan, cello, Symphony

03/11, Alexandra Vancil, violin, Cadet

03/11, Monica Chen, violin, Prep

03/12, Patrick Kennedy, piano, Jazz Combo

03/11, Robert Haynes, violin, Cadet

03/12, Katie Kim, cello, Prep

03/13, Sarah Goone, cello, Prep

03/13, Soren Ramsey, viola, Prep & Concert

03/13, Jake Shapiro, piano, Jazz Combo

03/13, Samantha Mohn, voice, Voices Rising

03/15, Erica Miller, cello, Symphony

03/15, Anna Zhou, violin, Concert