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Two Master Classes this Weekend!

MYA's Master Class Series Presents:

Mathieu Dufour, Principal Flute, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, March 15 at 3:00 PM

Peter Ellefson, Trombone, Indiana University

Saturday, March 15 at 3:00 PM

Both Master Classes are free and open to the public!!!! Please make sure that you stay for the entire master class!

Spring Break Reminders!

Choral Program: Easter Sunday, March 23 – No rehearsals for Choristers, Voices Rising or Chorale!

Jazz Program: Sunday, March 23 – No rehearsals for Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra or Big Band!

Tuesday and Thursday, March 25 & 27 – No Jazz Combo Rehearsals!

Orchestra Program: Saturday, March 29 – No rehearsals for any orchestras!

Chamber Music Program: Saturday, March 22 – No rehearsals (unless your coach has scheduled a make-up)!

Saturday, March 29 – No rehearsals!

Honors Wind Symphony

Rehearsals begin **Tuesday, March 18, 2008, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM**. There are still openings for flute, clarinet, bassoon, tenor sax, horn, trumpet, tuba, and percussion. – check with Derek Handley in the MYA office for playing opportunities.

MYA's Summer Music Festival 2008 – Deadline has been extended until all positions are filled!

There is still time to register for several of our Summer Workshops!!!!

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 or pick up flyers at our back entrance!!!!

MYA's Family Fun & Music Fest!

Save the Date! Sunday, May 18, from 12:00 – 6:00 PM. The sign-up sheet is posted outside the MYA office, with times on a first-come, first-served basis. The time for each large ensemble has already been posted, so please be sure to mark it down on your calendar as all members are expected to be in attendance! Don't forget to invite all of your extended family and friends too!

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHORAL

Voices Rising

There is NO Voices Rising rehearsals on Sunday, March 16 or Sunday, March 23! Rehearsals will resume on Sunday, March 30.

Auditions for "Spotlight Solos" will be at the April 13 rehearsal! We're looking for our very best to do a few individual showcase numbers on our final concert May 4. All the auditions will be a cappella (without accompaniment) in front of the group. Here are a few tips to improve your chances of being selected:

- (1) Be sure your music selection is age-appropriate and reflects the positive lyric values we present in Voices Rising;
- (2) If it relates to our dual themes of "dreams" and "peace/brotherhood" it will be more in keeping with the rest of our program;
- (3) If you write your own song, it will receive special consideration;
- (4) The overall length is best at about 2 minutes, and nothing longer than 2.5 minutes;
- (5) Anything that adds interest or entertainment value for the audience is a plus-- simple staging or movement, playing an instrument in addition to singing, etc.
- (5) 'Classical' music or folk songs are encouraged so that we could present a balanced program.

You may audition as a soloist or as a small group (duets, trios, quartets). If a group, be sure that each person has some solo lines, and that you sing at least one section of the song in harmony. More information will be forthcoming at rehearsal on March 30.

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

Choristers & Chorale

There are regular rehearsals this Sunday, March 16, for Choristers and Chorale!

Sunday, March 16: Choristers will meet in the Chipman Room

There are NO rehearsals on Sunday, March 23 – rehearsals will resume on Sunday, March 30.

JAZZ

There are NO rehearsals Easter Sunday, March 23 – Happy Easter!

There are NO combo rehearsals on March 25 or March 27 – Happy Spring break!

ORCHESTRA

Reminder: There IS rehearsal next week on Saturday, March 22!!

There are NO rehearsals on Saturday, March 29 – Happy Spring break! Rehearsals resume Saturday, April 5!

Cadet & Prep

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!

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO SECTIONAL TIMES

Saturday, March 15, Sectional Schedule

VIOLIN SECTIONALS

8:00 – 9:50 a.m. Concert: Violin I & II (North Rehearsal Hall)

8:00 – 9:50 a.m. Symphony: Violin I & II (Lobby)

Sunday, March 16, Sectional Schedule

CONCERT ORCHESTRA SECTIONALS

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion (South Rehearsal Hall)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Violas (Barkei Room)

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Cellos (Kimee Room)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Basses (Macey Room)

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SECTIONALS

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion (South 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)

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!

Carol Mavrakis (Theodore/Prep) coordinated all of the musicians for the Benefit in February, calling each of the 52 performers to make sure s/he was aware of when and where s/he should be. Continuing with the mammoth task of coordinating the entertainment for the Family Music & Fun Fest on May 18, Carol is rallying the forces within and outside of MYA so that we have a terrific day of performances. Helping coordinate all of our Adopt a School liaisons, she is ensuring every school, as well as unaffiliated ensembles, will know of the opportunity to perform that day. Many thanks to you, Carol! Your work will guarantee a great turn-out and wonderful entertainment on May 18.

Volunteer Needs!

Adopt a School Liaisons

- Pick up your envelope of information to give to your teachers.
- Please see Gena

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 an outside ensemble on that day – sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the office.
- Contact Alison Bartusiak alison.bartusiak@sbcglobal.net or Gena genaandreasen@mya.org

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.

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

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's Spring Concert, Sheely Center for Performing Arts, **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, Comog 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.**

KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!

Kudos!

♪ **Antonio Cevallos (violin, Symphony), Dan Stone (violin/viola, Symphony) and Ian Hallas (bass, Symphony)** won Glenbrook's Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition and will play at the School's Spring Orchestra Concert on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 PM.

♪ **Christine Murphy (flute, Symphony)** won the Senior Division of the SAM flute competition last week.

Member Birthdays!

03/14, Rebecca Rudy, viola, Symphony

03/16, Ellie Levine, flute, Symphony

03/17, Christopher Gao, cello, Prep & Concert

03/18, Katherine Xie, violin, Cadet

03/19, Sam Lubor, violin, Prep

03/19, Samantha Haake, voice, Concert & Chorale

03/21, Sarah Farbman, bassoon, Concert

03/21, Gwen Hickey, violin, Prep

03/21, Marion Lewis, oboe, Prep

03/22, Julia Frost, clarinet, Cadet

03/22, Stella Tu, cello, Concert

03/22, Alissa Fiore, violin, Cadet

03/23, Nickolas Kaplan, trumpet, Big Band

03/24, Clara Livingston, violin, Cadet

03/25, Eugene Mason, cello, Concert

03/26, Meg Martin, voice, Voices Rising

03/26, Michael Naughton, viola, Symphony

03/28, James Franco, viola, Symphony

03/29, Alex Zeravica, percussion, Jazz Orchestra

03/28, Stephanie Cohn, voice, Voices Rising

03/29, Hannah Hershman, voice, Chorale

03/30, William Haffner, cello, Symphony