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MYA Students - Verdi *Requiem* Tickets for your Friends!

Encourage your friends to come to the Civic Opera House on April 26th and hear this exciting performance! All MYA students can sell general admission "Student Only" tickets to other students for \$5 per ticket. Come to the MYA office with the money you've collected and purchase the student tickets for \$5 each. Tickets for adults are \$25 and senior citizens, \$15. You are welcome to buy those as well. We will begin the student ticket sales on Saturday, April 5th. The last day to purchase tickets is April 25. Help fill the Opera House and let your friends hear a fabulous performance! Remember, too, that ALL MYA STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE TICKETS TO THIS EVENT and to any other season finale concerts. This will definitely be something to remember and look forward to!

ATTENTION SENIORS!

April 26th is approaching quickly, and we need you to turn in your graduation cards **NO LATER THAN APRIL 19th!!** Additional cards may be picked up in the MYA office. As we are extremely excited for the concert, we are also saddened to be saying good-bye and we wish you the best of luck. MYA's doors are always open!

Congratulations from Dr. D. – Fischhoff Applicants!

Congratulations to **ALL** the chamber groups who entered the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition this year: Trio Viva, Trio Bravo, Quinten Quartet, Fantasmagorical Quartet, Northwestern Quartet, What's Cookin', Golden String Quintet, Fish Fry, Quintessence, Sezura, Shades of Gray, Carbon 5, and Simply Brass. I believe to have worked towards this goal is the **most important part of the journey** and the mature person realizes that we build our character in those times when we, in fact, do NOT reach our goals. Still, if we learn something in the process, we HAVE actually reached the goal, right? So, with that in mind, congratulations to those 4 groups who were selected to play as quarter finalists - Trio Vita, Quintessence, Simply Brass and What's Cookin' - as quarter-finalists as well as Fantasmagorical Quartet for being invited on the waiting list for the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition this year!

Upcoming Master Classes!

MYA's Master Class Series Presents:

RESCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK

Mathieu Dufour, Principal Flute, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, April 12 at 3:00 PM

Avalon String Quartet

Sunday, April 13 at 12:00 PM

Michael Burritt, Percussion, Director and Professor of Percussion Studies, Northwestern University

Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00 PM

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

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!!!!

Northwestern Visit Next Weekend!

Ryan O'Mealey, Coordinator of Admissions, Northwestern University. On Saturday, **April 12 at 3:00 PM**, he will present an informative Workshop about College applications, scholarships and financial assistance possibilities.

Family Music & Fun Fest!

Attention Parents and Musicians!! Please mark these times down in your calendars now for the scheduled performances at the Music Fest on **Sunday, May 18, from 12-6pm!** All of our musicians are expected to participate in what promises to be a fantastic day of music and fun!

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| 12:30-12:45 | CHORISTERS |
| 12:45-1:00 | CHORALE |
| 1:00-1:30 | CONCERT ORCHESTRA |
| 2:00-2:30 | SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA |
| 2:30-3:00 | JAZZ ENSEMBLE |

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of our Students
and Community

3:00-3:15	READING ORCHESTRA
3:15-3:30	CADET ORCHESTRA
3:30-4:00	JAZZ ORCHESTRA
4:00-4:30	VOICES RISING
4:30-5:00	PREP ORCHESTRA
5:15-6:00	BIG BAND

Chamber ensembles should be signing up to perform on the sheet located outside the MYA office. Remember to also invite your friends outside of MYA to perform that day! Any questions, please contact Carol Mavrakis at cmavra@yahoo.com, or 847-724-7464.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHORAL

Voices Rising

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY for REDUCED PRICE TICKETS! As a member of Voices Rising, you can hear the great choral masterpiece the Verdi *Requiem* performed by the MYA Symphony Orchestra, the MYA Chorale, and choruses from the University of Illinois and Northwestern University on Saturday, April 26, at the world-famous Civic Opera House – ALL MYA MEMBERS RECEIVE FREE TICKETS TO THIS EVENT. You can bring your friends, too, for just \$5 -- see Susan Cook for ticket purchases!

• **SPOTLIGHT SOLO AUDITIONS on April 13!** To audition, you must sign up with Mr. Fry by this Sunday, April 6.

Chorale

Verdi Rehearsal Reminders:

Extra Rehearsal: **Friday, April 25: 6:30 – 9:00 PM** (MYA Center at Ft. Sheridan)

Dress Rehearsal: **Saturday, April 26: 2:00 – 5:30 PM** (Civic Opera House) **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME!**

JAZZ

ALL JAZZ STUDENTS

Jam Session – Sunday, April 6, 2008

Please Note: April 6 – 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!

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

Melinda & Joel Hoiland (Britta/Con), **Jo Sheldon** (Courtney/Sym) have tirelessly coordinated the Saturday Concessions this year. Melinda and Joel have set up the Concessions or made sure there was someone here to do it every Saturday in addition to lining up people to sell Concessions in the morning. Jo has handled finding the personnel to sell in the afternoon and clean up at the end of the day. Because of the efforts of Melinda, Joel and Jo, Concessions on Saturday run effortlessly. Thanks to them and the many people helping, there is nourishment on Saturdays, and as a bonus, we have netted a little over \$5,000 so far this year which will go towards MYA tours.

Volunteer Thank you!

David Ashcraft (Katie/Prep), **Maria Belciak-Sniezek** (Konrad/Prep), **Patti Brand** (Cordelia/Con), **Paul Haake** (Samantha/Con/Chor), **Melinda & Joel Hoiland** (Britta/Con), **Roger Johnson** (Logan/Chor), **Dave Kalensky** (Fiona/Cad), **Jennifer Leventhal** (Eric/JazzO), **Dan Lindwall** (Hillary/Con) **Daniel Love Glazer** (Rachel/Con), **Marnie McKee** (Krista/Sym), **Larry Manheim** (Olive/Con & Peter JazzC), **Susan O'Nan** (Emily Murphy/Prep), **Rosann Park-Jones** (Carrie/Con, Rachel/Con, & Emily/Con), **Ross Shanley-Roberts** (Emily/Cad), **Jo Sheldon** (Courtney/Sym), **Gabriela Smith** (Amanda/VR), **Steve Yadanza** (Emily/Prep), **Marcia Rovani** (Christine/Con/VR), **Diane Thoms** (Johnny/Prep & Billy/Sym), **Katie & Laura Wells** (Erin/Con) helped with Concessions and baking.

Mary Jo Biersteker (Laura/Sym), **Patty & Derek Brand** (Cordelia/Con), **Ann Brennan** (Will/Sym & Claire/Con), **Joan Garner** (Callie/Prep), **Daniel Love Glazer** (Rachel/Con), **Meredith Haynes** (Robert/Cad), **Elisabeth Hodson** (Maria/Read), **Natalie Jacobsen** (Elisabeth/Sym & Jessica/VR), **Wendy Koch** (Hayley/Chor), **Dave & Tommy Kalensky** (Fiona/Cad), **Liz Leman** (Jason/Con & Abby/Cad), **Jennifer Leventhal** (Eric/JazzO), **Gretchen Livingston** (Clara/Cad), **Carol Mavrakis** (Theodore/Prep), **Una McGeough** (Aidan Perreault/Prep), **Sue Meehan** (Sean/JazzE & Shannon/Cad), **Ken Michaels** (Kayla/Prep), **Connie Obrochta** (Carliegh/Chorale & Sean/Read), **Pam Owens Harmon** (Elisabeth Owens/Sym, Aryn Harmon/Read, Eilyn Harmon/Read) **Robing Plotner-Sax** (Josh/JazzO) attended an informational meeting for Adopt a School liaisons, and with their help will share information about our April & May Concerts and the May 18 Family Music Fun Fest.

James & Jane Becks(Mary Clare/Chor), **Wendy Quinn**(Daniel/JazzC), **John Sheneman**(Bradley/Sym), **Gabriela Smith**(Amanda/VR), **Diane Thoms**(Johnny/Prep & Billy/Sym), helped with our mailing. **Ryan Murphy**/Sym helped with chamber music in the office. **Sandy Stoneham**(Nina/Chor), **Lali Watt**(Rian/Con, Dale/Prep & Liah/VR/Prep), **Reid Wellensiek**(Peter Sparks/Read) sold tickets, while **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Con/VR), **Natalie Jacobsen** (Elisabeth/Sym & Jessica/VR) helped with food and clean up, and **Paul Jacobsen** (Elisabeth/Sym & Jessica/VR) video taped at the New & Early Music Concert

James & Jane Becks(Mary Clare/Chor), **Paul Haake**(Samantha/Con/Chor), **Wendy Koch**(Hayley/Chor) met with Dr. D. regarding the Chorale. **Yiding Hao**/Con helped the violins in the Cadet Orchestra. **Billy Thoms**/Sym helped with Reading Orchestra on trumpet. **Mark Harmon** (Aryn/Read, Ellyn/Read, and Elisabeth/Sym/Chor) continues his work on the theory computers. **Don Tunkl**(Aliza/Alum) fixed our trash cabinets and continues to take care of our building and fish.

Volunteer Opportunities

Super Newsletter Mailing in the lobby on Saturday.

Ticket Sales Volunteers needed for the next 2 weekends, **April 12th & 13th**, and **April 19th & 20th**! Please let us know if you are available to sell tickets at MYA on any of those dates, for a shift between 10:00 - 2:00 on Saturdays or 3:00 - 8:00 on Sundays. Concert tickets for all Concerts will be available for purchase. Please contact Lali Watt at laliwatt@gmail.com.

Fun Fest

Solicit Auction Items

Sign up to perform

Spread the word about our Concerts and Family Fun Fest!

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.

Vernon Hills High School: Winds Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra Concert, Auditorium, **Monday, April 7 at 7:30 PM**, Tickets: \$3 Adults, \$2 Students.

Highland Park High School: Jammin' Java, location TBA, **Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 PM**.

New Trier High School: Spring Jazz Ensemble Concert, Gaffney Auditorium, Winnetka, **Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 PM** Tickets: \$4.

Glenbard North High School: District 87 Jazz Festival at Glenbard South, Carol Stream, **Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 PM**.

Warren Township High School: Festival of Bands (Symphonic I & II, Concert Band I, II & III), Woodland Middle School, Gurnee, **Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 PM**.

Highland Park High School: Honors Voice Recitals, **Wednesday, April 16 at 3:30 PM**.

Vernon Hills High School: Choir Concert, Auditorium, **Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30 PM**, Tickets: \$3 Adults, \$2 Students

Neuqua Valley High School: Symphony Orchestra Concert, **Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 PM**.

New Trier High School: Symphony Orchestra Concert, Gaffney Auditorium, Winnetka, **Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 PM**, Tickets: \$3.

Evanston Township High School: Percussion Concert, **Monday, April 21 at 7:00 PM**.

Stevenson High School: Spring Orchestra Concert, Performing Arts Center, **Monday, April 21 at 7:30 PM**.

New Trier High School: Orchestras Concert, Gaffney Auditorium, Winnetka, **Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30 PM**.

Loyola Academy: Chamber Music Concert, Chapel, Wilmette, **Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 PM**.

Buffalo Grove High School: Band Recital Night, BG Theater, **Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 PM**.

Deerfield High School: Jazz Nite, Auditorium, **Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 PM**.

Glenbard North High School: Variety Concert, Auditorium Theater, Carol Stream, **Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 PM**.

New Trier High School: Swing Choir/Choraliers Concert, McGee Theatre, Northfield, **Friday, April 25 at 7:30 PM**, Tickets: \$3.

Stevenson High School: Spring Band Concert, Performing Arts Center, **Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 PM**.

New Trier High School: Wind Ensembles & Concert Choir, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, NU, Evanston, **Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 PM**, Tickets: \$3.

KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!

Member Birthdays!

04/06, Melanie Makoski, flute, Concert

04/06, Ben Solomon, tenor sax, Jazz Orchestra

04/07, Greta Rose Nagel, voice, Voices Rising

04/07, Lauren Ricciardi, flute, Symphony

04/07, Morgan Jones, voice, Voices Rising

04/08, Emily Hines, violin, Concert

04/08, Benjamin Paulson, percussion, Chamber Music

04/09, Daniel Pritchard, violin, Concert

04/12, Karsten Neumeister, guitar, Jazz Combo