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

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!

Dress Rehearsal Schedules for April 25-26 & 27

April 25, Chorale Extra Rehearsal

6:30 - 9 PM: Chorale extra rehearsal at the MYA Center (South Rehearsal Hall)
w/Northwestern University Choruses & University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Concert Choir.

April 26, Verdi Requiem – Civic Opera House

2:00 – 5:30 DRESS REHEARSAL (Civic Opera House in Chicago) for Symphony & Chorale.

7:30 CONCERT (Civic Opera House)

April 27, Pick-Staiger Concert

DRESS REHEARSAL (Pick-Staiger Concert Hall) for Honors Wind Symphony and Reading, Cadet, Prep and Concert Orchestras

10:30 Reading & Cadet backstage

11:00 Cadet & Prep backstage

11:30 Prep & Concert backstage

12:00 Concert Orchestra

12:45 Honors Wind Symphony

1:30 set up for concert

2:00 CONCERT

Concert Tickets on Sale in the MYA Lobby this Weekend!

Tickets for April 26(Verdi Requiem), April 27(Orchestra Concert at Pick), and May 4(Choral Concert) will be on sale this weekend: Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM & Sunday: 4:30 - 6:30 PM.

Avoid long lines before the concerts - buy them now!

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!

Kudos

If you would like to place a "KUDOS" in the April 26 Concert Program insert, please fill out the Kudos form, located by our back entrance, and return it to Derek Handley. For questions please contact derekhandley@mya.org. Put in a message for your graduating senior or to cheer on your friends and family and support MYA!!!

Master Classes this Weekend!

MYA's Master Class Series Presents:

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!

Sunday Soiree Series

MYA's popular Sunday Soiree Series continues this weekend at 2:00 PM this Sunday at the MYA Center in Ft. Sheridan. This is relaxing and enjoyable way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

More Sunday Performances!

Two MYA groups, MYA Marimba Quartet (Alex Miller, Joey Heimlich, Alex Zeravica, Steve Nelms) and Amy Pikler's Recorder Trio (Amy Pikler, recorder; Evan Fojtik, flute; Peter Ilhardt, cello), will be performing this **Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 PM** for a concert hosted by the Pilgrim Chamber Players at Highland Park Community House, 1991 Sheridan Road.

Intent to Participate Forms

Intent to Participate Forms have been mailed out for current members to register for the 08-09 Season. If you have not received your packet by regular mail, please e-mail **PeiliChim@mya.org** to have a replacement sent. Please observe the Intent due date of April 15. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Northwestern Visit this Saturday!

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. It's never too early to start thinking about the college application process!

Dream with Us Meetings

We are in the final two months of the public phase of our endowment campaign which is so important to our organization. For parents who have not yet had the opportunity to hear more about our goals and why it is important, we have scheduled four more meetings, hopefully at convenient times right at the MYA Center at Fort Sheridan.

Saturday, April 12: Noon & 2:00 PM in the MYA Office

Sunday, April 13: 6:30 PM (with Gary Fry) and 7:30 PM (with Nic Meyer)

Lost & Found

MYA has collected several lost items over the winter months. We will have all items displayed in the lobby for the next few weeks. Any clothing not claimed by the end of April will be given to Goodwill.

Open CSO Rehearsal Opportunity

Please check the MYA bulletin board if you would like to sign up to watch an open rehearsal on May 1 or May 29. Reservation information is due Friday, April 18.

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!!!!

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

Patti and Derek Brand (Cordelia/Con) have worked behind the scenes all year (75 hours to date!). Whether it's attending many different meetings: PVO, Auction, Benefit, Adopt-a-School, Fun Fest, or making and serving lunch to our judges for the Concerto and Chamber Competitions, they are here supporting MYA. We mustn't forget to mention the yummy, gigantic chocolate chip cookies that Patti bakes more Saturdays than not. We are a richer organization thanks to the sharing of their many talents.

Volunteer Opportunities

PVO Meeting – has been changed to April 19 at 11:30

FunFest Meeting – this Sunday, April 13 at 7:30 PM

Ticket Sales in MYA lobby Please email laliwatt@gmail.com or donnaschardt@mya.org

- April 19 – Saturday 10:00 – 2:00 (or a portion of it)
- April 20 – Sunday 3:00 – 7:00 (or a portion of it)

Truck Loading Contact Gena at genaandreasen@mya.org

Strapping young men and women please take note!

April 25 – Friday (after Choral rehearsal)

- 9:00pm load truck at MYA 5 – 6 people

April 27 - Sunday

- 8:30 am unload truck at Pick-Staiger 3 – 4 people
- 4:30 pm load after the concert 3 – 4 people

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.

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.

Mundelein High School: The Wee Trio and the MHS Jazz Combos, Auditorium, **Monday, April 21 at 3:30 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.**

Carl Sandburg Middle School: Show Choir & Jazz Band Concert, North Gym, **Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 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.**

Maine South High School: Musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, Park Ridge, **April 25, 26 & May 2 & 3 at 7:30 PM and April 27 at 2:00 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.

Glenbrook North & South High School: Musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, Glenbrook North HS, **Wednesday, April 30 – Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 PM.**

KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!

Kudos

♪ **Elena Snow (cello/Symphony & voice/Chorale)** was nominated by her school as the only senior to represent John Hersey High School for her outstanding work in choral music, orchestra and drama in the last 4 years. She will compete with other nominees in District 214 schools to receive the Richard Calisch Arts Unlimited Award. Also, second place winner of the Chicago Music Federation of Musicians scholarship essay competition.

♪ **Alyssa Schardt (violin/Symphony)** is one of the winners of the Barrington High School Concerto Competition and will be performing at Barrington High School's Symphony Concert on Tuesday, April 15th, at Barrington High School.

Member Birthdays!

04/13, Steven Nelms, percussion, Jazz Combo

04/13, Rachel Sherman, voice, Voices Rising

04/14, Stanley Moore, cello, Symphony

04/15, Kateri Tumminello, tenor sax, Chamber

04/15, Amanda Smith, voice, Voices Rising

04/15, Greg Rothstein, voice, Chorale

04/16, Joyce Jeon, cello, Concert

04/16, Emmie Kline, voice, Voices Rising

04/17, Amy Troutman, voice, Chorale

04/17, Keunsup Shin, viola, Concert

04/17, Caroline May, cello, Reading

04/18, Cathryn Perisic, violin, Reading