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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 – Final Week for Verdi Ticket Sales!!!

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. 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

Symphony Orchestra Members:

There will be a rehearsal with the soloists on **Friday afternoon (during school), April 25, from 1:00 – 4:00 PM**. Dr. D hopes that at least one person per part will be able to attend so that the soloists hear where they come in. It should be a unique experience if you can afford to take this time off from school.

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 onstage & Cadet backstage

11:00 Cadet onstage & Prep backstage

11:30 Prep onstage & 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 – Graduation Cards due this Saturday!

Please turn in your graduation cards! The printing deadline requires your immediate follow through. Additional cards may be picked up in the MYA office.

Kudos

Kudos received on Saturday or Sunday this weekend will be printed in the program insert. Recognize your child for all his/her special accomplishments!

Intent to Participate Forms

Intent to Participate Forms have been mailed out for current members to register for the 08-09 Season. Intent Forms were due April 15, 2008. If you haven't already submitted them, please get them in this weekend!

May Rehearsal Schedule

Chamber Music: May 3 – Final day!

Orchestras: Regular rehearsal May 3 & May 17 for all Ensembles!

Chorale: May 4 – other dates TBD – No additional rehearsals for Voices Rising or Choristers

Big Bands: No additional rehearsals

Chicago Chamber Music Competition Winners Recital & Walgreens Winners Recital – this Weekend!

Both recitals will be taking place this Sunday, April 20, at the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington St.), Chicago, IL.

Chicago Chamber Music Competition Recital

2:00 PM

Walgreens Winners Recital

3:00 PM

MYA Students performing in the Walgreens Winners Recital are:

James Gan Stinehart, piano

Ariel Chapman, viola

Amy Pikler, recorder

Autumn Chodorowski, violin

Ian Peter Pappas, marimba

Come hear your friends!

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 **12:00 – 6:00 PM!** All of our musicians are expected to participate in what promises to be a fantastic day of music and fun!

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
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.

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.

MYA's Summer Music Festival 2008 – Going to Miss MYA this Summer?

Sign up for Evening Big Band (Mon & Wed) or Evening Orchestra (Tues & Thurs). Festival Orchestra & Big Band perform at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park on Sunday, July 27! There are also several Chamber Music Workshops – go to www.mya.org/summer for more information!

PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHORAL

Voices Rising

PARENT MEETING THIS SUNDAY! We'd like to have a brief (15-minute) meeting with parents this Sunday when rehearsal ends at 6:30. Please plan on joining your child in the rehearsal room until 6:45.

- **NO PERFORMANCE MAY 10!** Voices Rising will not perform on May 10 (Lions Convention).
- **OUTFIT CHECK!** We have a performance coming up on May 4 for which you'll need both your black MYA polo and your colored T-shirt. Double-check now to be sure you have both!

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

Cynthia Hallas (Ian/Sym) has arranged all of our Soiree Receptions this year and last. This involved emailing and phoning people to make sure we had goodies at each Soiree, sometimes involving 3 concerts a month. She was often here setting up the reception area even when Ian wasn't performing. Her positive attitude is reflected in the joyful way in which she has taken on this "very pleasant duty" (Cynthia's words). Ian is graduating this year, and we will miss seeing her smiling face on a regular basis. Thank you, Cynthia!

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

- April 26 6:30 to 7:30 Civic Opera House 5 – 6 people
- April 27 1:00 to 2:00 Pick Staiger 3 – 4 people

April 26 food serving – Contact Gena at genaandreasen@mya.org

- 5:30 to 7:00 serve pizza to our guest choirs 6 – 7 people

Truck Loading – Contact Gena at genaandreasen@mya.org

Strong 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
- 5:30 pm unload back at MYA 5 – 6 people

Family Fun Fest – Contact Gena at genaandreasen@mya.org

We are looking for the following talents for May 18. If you have any other talents that you would like to share that day, please let us know!

Bakers Magician Juggler Tying Balloon Animals Face Painting Clowns

May 4 Concerts

- **4:00 at Northeastern Illinois – Voices Rising Concert**
 - 1:00 – 5:00 5 Voices Rising parents to help back stage
 - Provide snacks for singers
 - Sell tickets from 3:00 – 4:00 PM
- **5:00 at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn – Jazz Concert**
 - Sell Tickets

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: 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

♪ **Melissa Heemskerck (voice/Chorale)** Glenbard North High School is presenting "Beauty and the Beast" May 8, 9, & 10. Melissa is starring as Belle.

♪ **Marta Vieira (violin/Symphony)** Honorable Mention in the Belleville Orchestra Concerto Competition in St. Louis!

Member Birthdays!

04/20, Ian Daugherty, oboe, Concert

04/20, Brittany Caruso, voice, Voices Rising

04/21, Evan Fojtik, flute, Symphony

04/20, Elyce A. Milligan, voice, Voices Rising
& violin, Cadet

04/22, Rachel Jones, violin, Concert

04/22, Emily Jones, violin, Concert

04/22, Carrie Jones, violin, Concert

04/25, Haley Kaplan, violin, Concert

04/25, Matthew Kalish, viola, Symphony

04/26, Jacqueline Reilly, voice, Voices Rising
& Chorale

04/26, Katelyn Marie Smith, violin, Symphony

04/26, Stephanie Allen, viola, Concert