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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

Dress Rehearsal Schedules for April 25-26 & 27

April 25, Friday afternoon (during school), 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Symphony Orchestra members who can take an afternoon off of school to work with the soloists.

April 25, Chorale Extra Rehearsal

6:30 – 9:00 PM: Chorale extra rehearsal at the MYA Center (North 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

9:30 Honors Wind Symphony rehearsal

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

Intent to Participate Forms

If you haven't already done so, please get in your forms right away!!! Incomplete forms will not be processed. If you don't get your "Intent Form" processed this weekend (or tuition deposit), you will have to reaudition.

Upcoming Concerts!

Be sure to put these exciting concerts on your calendar now!!!!

Sunday, May 4, 2008

Sunday Soiree

An Afternoon of delightful chamber music!!!

1:00 PM

MYA Center at Ft. Sheridan

Free and Open to the Public!

Sunday, May 4, 2008

"Swingin' Sweet Dreams"

Featuring MYA's Big Bands

4:00 PM

FitzGerald's

6615 Roosevelt Road, Berwyn, IL

Tickets are \$25 for Adults & \$15 for Students & Seniors

Sunday, May 4, 2008

"Making Dreams Come True"

Featuring MYA's Voices Rising & Choristers

4:00 PM

Northeastern Illinois University (5500 N. St. Louis Ave.)

Tickets are \$25 for Adults & \$15 for Students & Seniors

Monday, May 5, 2008

"Percussion Mania"

Featuring MYA's Percussion Ensembles

7:00 PM

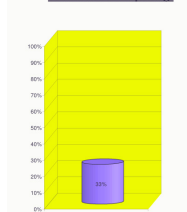
MYA Center at Ft. Sheridan

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Dream With Us – MYA's Endowment Campaign Countdown

Family Participation Goal: 100%
Participation to Date: 33% (147 families)
Financial Goal: \$1,100,000
Raised to Date: \$894,400
Total Needed to Make Goal: \$205,600

Percentage of Current MYA Families Participating



Help Meet our
Pledge Goals!

May Rehearsal Schedule

Chamber Music: May 3 – Final day (unless notified by your instructor)

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

Chorale: May 4 (7:00 – 9:00 PM) & May 18 (Family Fun Fest: 12:00 PM)

Voices Rising & Choristers: May 18 (Note times below)

Big Bands: May 18 (Note times below)

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.

Last Week - 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.

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

- Check the Voices Rising page on the MYA website for the link to new downloads of "Positovity" for memorization practice!
- Intent-to-Participate forms are due!
- May 4 concert: dress rehearsal call is 12:45 PM (so that we can be onstage by 1:00 sharp). Concert is at 4:00 PM, should be over by 5:15 PM. Location is the auditorium on the campus of Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis, Chicago.

JAZZ

Swingin' Sweet Dreams – May 4th Concert at FitzGerald's

The MYA Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra, and Big Band will be playing their final concert of the year at FitzGerald's, the venerable live music venue in Berwyn.

Please Note: The concert is from **4:00 – 6:00 PM**, and will be immediately followed by Bill O'Connell's Chicago Skyliners, a professional big band. Bill has graciously agreed to let MYA families stay for their set for a \$5 donation (the regular door charge is \$10/person!).

It will be great to have our students and their families supporting live jazz in Chicago!

Dress Rehearsal Schedule:

2:30 - Jazz Ensemble

2:50 - Jazz Orchestra

3:10 - Big Band

4:00 - 6:00 Concert

(FitzGerald's also serves food from Wishbone, the restaurant connected to the club, which serves "Southern Reconstruction Cooking", so families should plan on treating themselves to some amazing southern cooking on the 4th!)

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

Diane Thoms(Johnny/Prep & Billy/Sym) is our volunteer of the week. You may recognize the last name. Her son, Billy, was the very first volunteer we spotlighted. Donating time runs in the family. Diane is always willing to pitch in. She has provided baked goods consistently for the last 2 years for concessions as well as lock-ins and special occasions. In addition to sharing her culinary skills with us, she also helps set up our concert space for master classes and soirees. Diane is organizing our bakers for the "Bake" Walk at the Fun Fest. We are so grateful for Diane's dedication to MYA. Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunities

At Civic Opera House

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

- April 26, 6:00 to 7:30 Pick-Staiger 3 – 4 people

Food Serving – Contact Gena at genaandreasen@mya.org

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

Mailing List – Enter folks into MYA laptops in Opera House lobby 2 people

At Pick-Staiger

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

- April 27, 1:00 to 2:00 Pick-Staiger 3 – 4 people

Truck Loading – Contact Gena at genaandreasen@mya.org

Strong men and women please take note!

April 27 - Sunday

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

Family Fun Fest Contact Gena at genaandreasen@mya.org

We are asking for **parents and teens** to sign up to volunteer for an hour or two on May 18. We have time slots from 11:00am to 7:00pm in the following areas:

**Set up
Ticket sales
Greeters**

**Auction cashiers
Stage Crew** (good one for teens)
Parking Directors

**Baking
Clean up**

We are looking for **parents and teens** to supervise the games for an hour or two on May 18. Please pick a game you would like to help with and contact Gena at genaandreasen@mya.org. The ensemble listed after the brackets have adopted those activities.

Symphony

Dunk Tank

Lucky Lollipops

Cadet

Ring Toss

Voices Rising

Fishing for Treasures

Painted Nails

Chorale

Face Painting

Jazz Groups

Helium Balloons

Popcorn Machine

Prep

Cake Walk

Concert

Bouncy Tent

Need Adopting

Duck Pond

Temporary Tattoos

Juggler/Clown/Magician

Reading

Bozo Buckets

May 4 concerts–

- **4:00 at Northeastern Illinois – Voices Rising Concert**
 - 1:00 to 5:00 – 5 VR parents to help back stage (one male is needed)
 - Provide snacks for singers
 - Sell Tickets 3:00 – 4:00
- **4:00 at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn – Jazz Concert**
 - Sell Tickets

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

MYA Posting School Events

Please let us know about your upcoming Concerts, competitions, etc. – email susancook@mya.org.

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.**

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.**

Schaumburg High School: "Night of Percussion" featuring percussion ensembles, drumline & SaxonSTOMP, **Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 PM.**

Evanston Township High School: Spring Band Concert, **Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 PM.**

Loyola Academy: Spring Music Festival, East Gym, Wilmette, **Thursday, May 1 at 7:30 PM.**
North Shore Country Day School: Upper School Chorus/Band Spring Concert, Diller Street Theater, Winnetka, **Thursday, May 1 at 7:30 PM.**
Maine South High School: Chamber Orchestra w/Park Ridge Civic Orchestra, **Sunday, May 4 at 2:30 PM.**
Elgin High School: Band Concert, EHS Auditorium, **Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 PM.**
Glenbrook North High School: Spring Jazz Band Concert, CPA, **Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 PM.**
New Trier High School: Jazz Combo Recital, Room M284, Winnetka, **Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 PM.**
North Shore Country Day School: Lower/Middle School Chorus/Band Concert, Diller Street Theater, Winnetka, **Thursday, May 8 at 7:30 PM.**
Warren Township High School: Spring Choral Concert, O'Plaine Auditorium, Gurnee, **Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 PM.**
Mundelein High School: Choral Finale Concert, Auditorium, **Friday, May 9 at 7:00 PM.**
Mundelein High School: Evening of Jazz, Main Gym, **Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 PM.**
Stevenson High School: Spring Consortium String Orchestra Festival, Performing Arts Center, **Monday, May 12 at 7:30 PM.**
Warren Township High School: Blue Note Jazz Concert, WTHS – Almond Campus Black Box Theatre, Gurnee, **Monday, May 12 at 7:00 PM.**
Woodlawn Middle School: Area 125 Consortium Orchestra Festival (Gr. 7-8), Stevenson High School, **Monday, May 12 at 7:00 PM.**
Buffalo Grove High School: Jazz Band Concert, **Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 PM.**
Glenbrook North High School: Spring Band & Orchestra Concert, CPA, **Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 PM.**
Neuqua Valley High School: Spring Concert, Naperville, **Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 & 8:00 PM.**
Woodlawn Middle School: Band Concert (Gr. 6-8), Long Grove, **Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 PM.**
Deerfield High School: Spring Band Concert, Auditorium, **Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 PM.**
Elgin High School: Choir Concert, EHS Auditorium, **Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM.**
Woodlawn Middle School: Orchestra Concert (Gr. 4-8), Long Grove, **Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM.**
Glenbard North High School: Band Concert, Auditorium, Carol Stream, **Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 PM.**
Highland Park High School: Percussion Concert, Auditorium, **Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 PM.**
Mundelein High School: Spring Pops Concert, Auditorium, **Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 PM.**
Stevenson High School: Spring Choral Concert, Performing Arts Center, **Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 PM.**

KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!

Birthdays

04/29, Parul Koul, violin, Symphony
04/29, Marissa Simmons, voice, Chorale
04/29, Ryan Hultman, voice, Voices Rising
05/02, Christine Murphy, flute, Concert & Symphony
05/02, Carleigh Obrochta, voice, Chorale
05/02, Talia Mintz, oboe, Cadet
05/04, Matthew Sweeney, violin, Concert