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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

## Upcoming Concerts This Week!

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  
Free and Open to the Public!

## Dream With Us – MYA's Endowment Campaign Countdown

**Family Participation Goal: 100%**

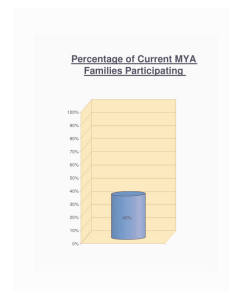
**Participation to Date: 40% (173 families)**

**Financial Goal: \$1,100,000**

**Raised to Date: \$899,025**

**Total Needed to Make Goal: \$200,975**

**Help Meet our  
Pledge Goals!**



## May Rehearsal Schedule

**Theory:** No Theory Classes in May!

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

**Orchestras:** Regular rehearsal May 3 & May 17 for all Ensembles! (Please note times under program info)

**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
5:00-5:15	PREP ORCHESTRA (Note change)
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](mailto:cmavra@yahoo.com), or 847-724-7464.

## 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](http://www.mya.org/summer) for more information!

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### PROGRAM INFORMATION

## CHORAL

### Chorale

There is rehearsal this Sunday, May 4, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM! MYA welcomes back Gordon Krauspe, as director of MYA's Chorale.

### Voices Rising

- Remember to visit our website and download rehearsal tracks for "Someday" and "Positooivity"!!
- We're still looking for more boys to audition for Voices Rising for our fall term. If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to sign up for an audition. The last day to audition is May 14!
- Please keep the week of August 11 open for our Voices Rising Mini- Camp!

## JAZZ

### Swingin' Sweet Dreams – May 4<sup>th</sup> 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!)

### May 9, 2008 – Dream Street

7:00 PM Combo Concert at MYA! All combos must be at MYA by 6:15 PM!

## ORCHESTRA

**Orchestra Rehearsal schedule for May 3 & May 17:**

9:00 AM Cadet Orchestra (1 hour rehearsal)

10:00 AM Reading Orchestra (1 hour rehearsal)

10:00 AM Concert Orchestra (2 hour rehearsal)

11:00 AM Prep Orchestra (1 hour rehearsal)

12:00 PM Symphony Orchestra (3 hour rehearsal)

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### VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

If you know of someone else who should be the spotlight, please go to our website at [www.mya.org/support/volunteer](http://www.mya.org/support/volunteer) and click on "Volunteer of the Week".

### Volunteer Spotlight

**Rosann Park-Jones**(Carrie/Con, Rachel/Con, & Emily/Con) has been a huge supporter of MYA for several years now. There is rarely an MYA orchestra concert, master class, chamber concert or even jazz concert, she and her family don't attend. For two years she co-chaired Saturday concessions, and this year has helped out with concessions whenever she was needed. She is consistently available to volunteer. Rosann is also very talented at motivating others to pitch-in. We truly appreciate all she does for us.

### Volunteer Thank you's!

**Phil Mazur**(Rebecca/Alum) drove the truck to the Civic opera house spent the day and evening helping back stage, drove the truck back to MYA after the Concert, picked the truck up on Sunday morning drove it Pick-Staiger, and then back to MYA after working all day at the Concert. What dedication! (Jason/Con & Abby/Cad), **Christian Schmidt**/Sym, **Juan Hernandez**/Sym, **Dan Pierson**/Sym, **Dan Lindwall**(Hillary/Con) **John Krieg & Grandpa Doug**(Nicholas/Cad), **Tom Joyce**(Maxwell/Read) helped load and unload the truck for the Concerts. **Derek Brand**(Cordelia/Con) and **Steve Yandanza**(Emily/Prep) helped set the stage.

**Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Con/VR) spent all day at the Civic Opera House checking people in, receiving deliveries, and serving pizza to the Chorale. We are very thankful for the many ways she helps us. Also helping serve the pizza was **Cynthia Kraft + Grandparents**(Becca/VR), **Veronica Jung**(Katherine/Chorale), **Judy Mintel**(Josie/Sym), **Kathy Smith**(Tess/Choral/Sym), **Vicki Jenkins**(Amy/Choral). **Jeff Farbman & Ann Greenstein**(Sarah Farbman/Con) purchased and delivered all of the Concessions for Pick-Staiger as well as helped with the clean up. **Shirley**

**Xie**(Katherine/Cad), **Dale Kaplan**(Haley/Con) sold the Concessions. **Jan Beugger**(Erin/Cad), **Gretchen Guo**(Jasmine Zhang/Cad), **Michael Naughton**(Michael/Sym), **Kristy Schuetter**(Zach/JazzO), **Donna Schardt**(Alyssa/Sym), **Lali Watt**(Rian/Con, Dale/Prep & Liah/VR/Prep), **Reid Wellensiek**(Peter Sparks/Read) sold tickets for our Concerts. **Ken Michaels**(Abigail/Cad) was our stage manager and did a great job keeping the students and their instruments organized. He was helped back stage by **David Kwak**(Joanne/Cad & John/Cad), **Sue Johnson**(Mark/Cad), **Kathy McHugh**(Tommy/Cad & John/Cad), **Terry Duggan**(Yuri/Cad), **Nicole Carson**(Ellory Carson/Read), **Mary Ann Donahue**(Mary Rose/Con, Conor/Cad, Grace/Read & Kevin/Read), **Peter Fitzgibbon**(Aida/Read). **Maureen Carson**(Neil/BBand & Dan/Sym/BBand), **Lynn Clafford**(Stephanie/Wind/Con & Julia/Prep), **Liz Leman**, **Jason Leman**/Con (Abby/Cad), **James & Jane Becks**(Mary Clare/Chor), stuffed programs. **Andre Badziak**(Natalia/Sym) video taped the Verdi Concert, and **Ron Tumminello**(Darius/JazzE & Kateri/Chamber) video taped a master class.

**Mary Jo Biersteker**(Laura/Sym), **Patty & Derek Brand**(Cordelia/Con), **Mary Ann Donahue**(Mary Rose/Con, Conor/Cad, Grace/Read & Kevin/Read), **Terry Duggan**(Yuri/Cad), **Joan Garner**(Callie/Prep), **Marcy Griffith-Petros**(Zoe/Cad & Sophie/Read), **Liz Leman & Abbey**/Cad (Jason/Con), **Meredith Haynes**(Robert/Cad), **Jackie Lutz**(Lydia/Cad), **Wendy Koch**(Hayley/Chor), **Liz Leman**(Jason/Con & Abby/Cad), **Kathy Pappas**(Ian/Con), **Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym), **Carol Mavrakis**(Theodore/Prep), **Sue Meehan**(Sean/JazzE & Shannon/Cad), **Ken Michaels**(Kayla/Prep), **Pam Owens Harmon**(Elisabeth Owens/Sym, Aryn Harmon/Read, Ellyn Harmon/Read), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Con/VR), **Diane Thoms**(Johnny/Prep & Billy/Sym), **Don Tunkl**(Aliza/Alum), attended our PVO meeting where we planned for the upcoming Concerts and the Family Fun Fest, on May 18.

**Fun Fest Alison Bartusiak**(Elizabeth/Read & Emily/Cad), **Cathy Popp**(Zach/Sym), **Carol Mavrakis**(Theodore/Prep), **MC Chow**(Abigail/Prep), **Pam Owens Harmon**(Elisabeth Owens/Sym, Aryn Harmon/Read, Ellyn Harmon/Read) **Judith Horwitz**(Marcello Molinaro/JazzO) have been diligently working toward making the Fun Fest a smashing success.

**Maria Belciak-Sniezek**(Konrad/Prep), **Patti Brand**(Cordelia/Con), **Al Chow**(Audrey/Con), **Yuelin Dai**(Michael Brown/Prep), **Melinda & Joel Hoiland**(Britta/Con), **Dave & Tommy Kalensky**(Fiona/Cad), **David Livingston**(Clara/Cad), **Jennifer Li**(Shannon He/Prep), **Judi Lewis**(Marion/Prep), **Rosann Park-Jones**(Carrie/Con, Rachel/Con, & Emily/Con), **Larry Maneim**(Peter/JazzC & Oliver/Con), **Ed McKee**(Kristen/Con), **Sue Ratzer**(Rebecca/Cad), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Con/VR), **Jo Sheldon**(Courtney/Sym), **Diane Thoms**(Johnny/Prep & Billy/Sym), **Steve Yadanza**(Emily/Prep), helped with Concessions and baking.

**Derek & Patti Brand**(Cordelia/Con), **Mary Ann Donahue**(Mary Rose/Con, Conor/Cad, Grace/Read & Kevin/Read), **Juliana Duan**(Justin Shang/Prep, Stella/Read & Crystal/Read), **Karen Franco**(James/Sym), **Gayle Gottfried**(Gariella/Cad), **Kirsten Michelotti**(Camille/Con), **Elyce Milligan** /Cad, **Rosann Park-Jones**(Carrie/Con, Rachel/Con, & Emily/Con), **Michelle Sweeney**/Cad, **Adina Salmansohn**(Raphael/Prep/VR & Ariel/Con/Sym), **Julia Williams & Joan Matthews**(Lauren Williams/Sym), **Meredith Haynes**(Robert/Cad), **Emely Rodriguez**(Lizzy Jordan/Con) helped with our mailing. **Mary Ann Donahue**(Mary Rose/Con, Conor/Cad, Grace/Read & Kevin/Read) takes care of our recycling on a regular basis.

**Michaela Wellems**/Con set up orchestra chairs **Yiding Hao**/Con, **Rebecca Rudy**/Sym/ & **Billy Thoms**/Sym have helped Patrick Pearson all year long with his orchestra. Kudos to them!

**Mark Harmon** (Aryn/Read, Ellyn/Read, and Elisabeth/Sym/Chorale) installed programs and hardware on office computers, and continues his work on the theory computers.

**Don Tunkl**(Aliza/Alum) helped acquire a lawn service for the summer, put together an additional desk, and continues to take care of our building and fish – Whew!

## Volunteer Opportunities

**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 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the following areas:

<b>Setup</b>	<b>Auction cashiers</b>	<b>Baking</b>
<b>Ticket sales</b>	<b>Stage Crew (good one for teens)</b>	<b>Clean up</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Parking Directors</b>	

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](mailto:genaandreasen@mya.org). The ensemble listed after the brackets have adopted those activities.

<u>Symphony</u>	<u>Voices Rising</u>	<u>Jazz Groups</u>	<u>Concert</u>	<u>Reading</u>
Dunk Tank	Fishing for Treasures	Helium Balloons	Bouncy Tent	Bozo Buckets
Lucky Lollipops	Painted Nails	Popcorn Machine		
<u>Cadet</u>	<u>Chorale</u>	<u>Prep</u>	<u>Need Adopting</u>	
Ring Toss	Face Painting	Cake Walk	Duck Pond	
			Temporary Tattoos	
			Juggler/Clown/Magician	

**PVO Meeting 11:30 Saturday in Lobby** We will continue planning for the Family Fun Fest on May 18.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

## MYA Posting School Events

**Maine South High School:** Chamber Orchestra w/Park Ridge Civic Orchestra, **Sunday, May 4 at 2:30 PM.**

**Lake Zurich High School:** Band Concert, music from Fantasia, **Tuesday May 6 at 7:30 PM.**

**Glenbrook South High School:** Spring Band Concert, recipient Grammy in the Schools award, **Wednesday, May 7.**  
**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.**  
**Rolling Meadows High School:** Choir Concert, **Friday, May 16 at 7:30PM.**  
**Neuqua Valley High School:** Fine Arts Festival, Naperville, **Saturday, May 17, 8:00AM – 4:00PM.**  
**Evanston Township High School:** Spring Choral Concert, **Sunday, May 18 at 3:00PM.**  
**Cooper Middle School:** Spring orchestra concert, Buffalo Grove, **Monday, May 19 at 7:30PM.**  
**New Trier High School:** Choir-Opera Spring Revue, Gaffney Auditorium, Northfield, **Monday, May 19 at 7:30PM**, tickets: \$3.  
**Rolling Meadows High School:** Spring Band Concert, **Monday, May 19 at 7:30PM.**  
**Glenbard North High School:** Choral Concert, Auditorium, Carol Stream, **Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30PM.**  
**Prospect High School:** Spring Concert, **Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30PM.**  
**Vernon Hills High School:** Choir Cabaret Concert, Auditorium, **Tuesday, May 20 at 8:00PM**, tickets: \$3 Adults, \$2 Student.  
**Rolling Meadows High School:** Spring Orchestra Concert, **Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00PM.**  
**Elgin High School:** Orchestra/Band Concert, EHS Auditorium, **Thursday, May 22 at 7:00PM.**  
**Evanston Township High School:** Orchestra Concert, **Thursday, May 22 at 7:30PM.**  
**New Trier High School:** Spring Music Festival, Gaffney Auditorium, **Thursday, May 22 at 7:30PM**, tickets: \$3.  
**Vernon Hills High School:** Spring Band Concert, Auditorium, **Thursday, May 22 at 8:00PM**, tickets: \$3 Adults, \$2 Student.  
**Buffalo Grove High School:** Senior Honors Band Concert, BG Theater, **Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00PM.**  
**Rolling Meadows High School:** Spring Jazz Concert, **Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30PM.**  
**Vernon Hills High School:** Spring Orchestra Concert, Auditorium, **Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30PM**, tickets: \$3 Adults, \$2 Student.

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*KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!*

## Kudos

♪ **Lauren Williams (Oboe/Symphony)** is one of two Chicago Academy for the Arts students who won “Best Classical Soloist” in the performing arts high school category for the **2008 Downbeat Student Music Awards** (published by Downbeat magazine, an international jazz magazine) announced April 30, 2008.

## Birthdays

05/05/95, Julia Weilandt, voice, Voices Rising  
05/06/97, Emma Parkinson, viola, Reading  
05/06/00, Adia Odeline Fitzgibbons, violin, Reading  
05/07/96, Matthew Koch, voice, Voices Rising  
05/07/92, Terry Park, cello, Symphony  
05/08/90, Natalie Lande, alto sax, Big Band  
05/08/96, Nathan McIntosh, trumpet, Prep  
05/08/96, Zoe Gordon, voice, Voices Rising  
05/09/95, Courtney Jurasek, flute, Prep  
05/10/90, Juan Hernandez, clarinet, Symphony & Honors Wind  
Symphony

05/11/95, Julia Clafford, viola, Prep  
05/13/93, Grace Householder, viola, Concert  
05/13/90, Joon Lee, trumpet, Symphony  
05/14/90, Brent Fernandez-Morera, trombone, Jazz Combo  
05/14/94, Daniel Montgomery, violin, Concert  
05/14/91, Will Kyriazis, piano, Jazz Orchestra  
05/14/93, Megan Lathan, viola, Concert  
05/15/90, Lauren Mitchell, oboe, Symphony  
05/16/96, Laura Gu, violin, Cadet