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MYA's Weekly News

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### 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
1:30-2:30	SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
2:30-3:00	BIG BAND
3:00-3:15	READING ORCHESTRA
3:15-3:30	CADET ORCHESTRA
3:30-4:00	JAZZ ENSEMBLE
4:30-5:00	VOICES RISING
5:00-5:15	PREP ORCHESTRA
5:15-5:30	VOICES RISING
5:15-6:00	JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Here's a glimpse of some of the other entertainment at MYA's Fun Fest!: **Academy of Irish Music, Holy Cross Chimers and Choir, Mt. Prospect Steel Drum Band, Wilmette Cello Choir and McNulty Irish Dancers!!!!** Please go to MYA's website to view comprehensive FunFest Info at <http://www.mya.org/events/event50.php>.

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

**Family Participation Goal: 100%**

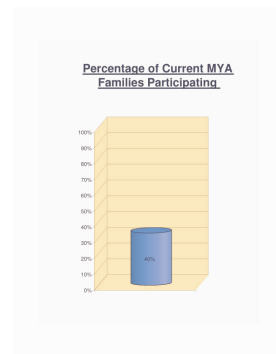
**Participation to Date: 42% (199 families)**

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

**Raised to Date: \$901,965**

**Total Needed to Make Goal: \$198,035**

**Help Meet our Pledge Goals!**



### Come to MYA this Summer!

Sign up for Evening Big Band (Mon & Wed) or Evening Orchestra (Tues & Thurs). Perform at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park on Sunday, July 27! There are also Summer Workshops for Strings, Piano, Winds and Brass! – go to [www.mya.org/summer](http://www.mya.org/summer) for more information!

### Fall Schedule Info

We would love to see you at one of our Summer Programs, but if you can't join us, please put these important fall dates on your calendar!

**Voices Rising Camp:** Monday, August 11 – Friday, August 15

**Chamber Ensembles:** Saturday, August 23 – Coachings begin

**Symphony, Big Band & Chorale Lock-in:** Saturday, August 23 – Sunday, August 24

Lock-in Schedule	
<b>Symphony Rehearsal</b>	Noon – 3:00 PM
<b>Choral &amp; Big Band Rehearsals</b>	4:00 – 6:00 PM
<b>BBQ</b>	6:00 PM
<b>Fun &amp; Games</b>	7:00 PM
<b>Late Rehearsals</b>	8:00 – 9:30 PM
<b>Sunday – breakfast</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Morning Rehearsals</b>	10:00 AM - Noon

**Reading, Cadet, Prep & Concert Orchestras:** Saturday, September 6 – Rehearsals begin

**Jazz Ensembles & Chorus:** Sunday, September 7 – Rehearsals begin

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Building a Home  
with the Power of Music  
to Enrich the Lives  
of our Students  
and Community

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHORAL

**Voices Rising**

**SEASON FINALE AND AWARDS!** On Sunday, May 18, we'll perform at the MYA Family Fun Fest. Here's the scoop: we'll meet at 4 PM in the NORTH Rehearsal Hall (not the South one where we usually meet). Wear your COLORED T-SHIRT and casual bottoms of your choice (blue jeans, shorts, etc. are okay. My only request: NO FLIP-FLOPS OR SANDALS. Please wear closed-heel shoes-- sneakers are fine. We'll warm-up and rehearse a bit, then do a short performance at 4:30 (about 15-20 minutes). Right after that, I have some special awards and gifts to give out! Then, we'll go outside and do another performance outdoors at 5:15. You'll be done at 5:30 pm.

ORCHESTRA

**Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule for this SATURDAY, 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

**Thank you to all of our families who diligently volunteered!** We had a record number of volunteer hours this year. Over 3700 hours!  
**Many thanks to the top 10 volunteering families for 2007 & 2008.** The following families have volunteered more than 1200 hours combined:

Baukert Family  
Brand Family  
Horwitz/Molinaro Family  
Mavrakis Family  
Owens/Harmon Family  
Popp Family  
Schardt Family  
Thoms Family  
Don Tunkl  
Watt Family

**Set-up:** We will be setting up tents on Saturday 10:00-noon and tables (bring your sledge hammers), and chairs on Sunday 10:00-noon.

**Rest Room Rescue:** For the Fun Fest we decided to forgo the port-a-potties (since no one likes to use them anyway), and make the restrooms in the building available to everyone. In order to make that happen, we are looking for a master of that domain – someone who would check the toilette paper, paper towel and trash status throughout the day. No experience is necessary, and all are welcome to volunteer. Please contact Gena [genaandreasen@mya.org](mailto:genaandreasen@mya.org).

**Parking Directors:** We need a few people to help direct the traffic. When the parking lot is full they will give directions to the optional parking areas. We are asking MYA members, and their families to park on the street and at the train station, so that our parking lot is not overloaded, and our guests will have a convenient place to park.

**Stage Hands:** We need help changing the performance areas between 'acts.' We need a total of 4 - 6 people to help throughout the day.

We still have time slots to work some of the games, particularly 12:00 – 1:00 and 5:00 – 6:00. Please contact Gena [genaandreasen@mya.org](mailto:genaandreasen@mya.org).

*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".*

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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

**MYA Posting School Events**

**Neuqua Valley High School:** Fine Arts Festival, Naperville, **Saturday, May 17, 8:00AM – 4:00 PM.**

**Evanston Township High School:** Spring Choral Concert, **Sunday, May 18 at 3:00 PM.**

**Cooper Middle School:** Spring orchestra concert, Buffalo Grove, **Monday, May 19 at 7:30 PM.**

**New Trier High School:** Choir-Opera Spring Revue, Gaffney Auditorium, Northfield, **Monday, May 19 at 7:30 PM,** tickets: \$3.

**Rolling Meadows High School:** Spring Band Concert, **Monday, May 19 at 7:30 PM.**

**Glenbard North High School:** Choral Concert, Auditorium, Carol Stream, **Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 PM.**

**Prospect High School:** Spring Concert, **Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 PM.**

**Vernon Hills High School:** Choir Cabaret Concert, Auditorium, **Tuesday, May 20 at 8:00 PM,** tickets: \$3 Adults, \$2 Student.

**Rolling Meadows High School:** Spring Orchestra Concert, **Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM.**

**Schaumburg High School:** Band Awards Concert, **Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 PM.**

**Elgin High School:** Orchestra/Band Concert, EHS Auditorium, **Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 PM.**

**Evanston Township High School:** Orchestra Concert, **Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 PM.**

**New Trier High School:** Spring Music Festival, Gaffney Auditorium, **Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 PM,** tickets: \$3.

**Vernon Hills High School:** Spring Band Concert, Auditorium, **Thursday, May 22 at 8:00 PM,** tickets: \$3 Adults, \$2 Student.

**Buffalo Grove High School:** Senior Honors Band Concert, BG Theater, **Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00 PM.**

**Rolling Meadows High School:** Spring Jazz Concert, **Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 PM.**

**Vernon Hills High School:** Spring Orchestra Concert, Auditorium, **Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 PM,** tickets: \$3 Adults, \$2 Student.

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*KUDOS, B-DAYS & OTHER!*

## Summer Birthdays!!

05/18, Tyler Katz, violin, Concert  
05/21, Ari Bakke, violin, Prep  
05/21, Justin Song, violin, Prep  
05/22, Emily Yadanza, oboe, Prep  
05/24, Emily Bartusiak, violin, Cadet  
05/25, Matthew Cabrera, violin, Reading  
05/25, Jonathan Choi, alto sax, Jazz Ensemble  
05/26, Ian Pappas, percussion, Concert  
05/26, Chloe Ruiz-Funes, violin, Chamber Music  
05/27, Jessica Durning, violin, Prep  
05/27, Simon Giavaras, trombone, Jazz Ensemble  
05/27, Rebecca Kraft, voice, Chorale  
05/27, Colin Funai, double bass, Symphony  
05/28, Aaron Comforty, trumpet, Jazz Combo  
05/30, Royce Kim, violin, Concert  
05/30, Ethan Kogan, percussion, Big Band  
05/31, Charlie Burnett, trumpet, Jazz Ensemble  
05/31, Ingrid Watts, violin, Concert  
05/31, Zach Moore, percussion, Jazz Combo  
05/31, Matthew Sauer, violin, Cadet  
06/01, Jane Pak, violin, Symphony  
06/01, Lametrice Taylor, clarinet, Reading  
06/02, Erin Wells, bassoon, Concert  
06/03, Courtney Sheldon, oboe, Symphony  
06/04, Lauren Koehler, oboe, Concert  
06/05, Michael Dunham, cello, Cadet  
06/04, Lauren Williams, oboe, Symphony  
06/05, Paris Benson-Perez, violin, Cadet  
06/06, Colleen Feldheim, voice, Voices Rising  
06/06, Yang Ruan, viola, Concert  
06/07, Justin Shang, violin, Prep  
06/09, Jack Amato, cello, Symphony  
06/09, Amanda Zhou, cello, Concert  
06/10, Andrew Hile, bassoon, Symphony  
06/11, Kevin Jasieniecki, horn, Symphony  
06/11, Andrew Sharp, cello, Concert  
06/11, Nathan Wolf, horn, Prep  
06/13, Jorie Butler-Geyer, violin, Concert & Symphony  
06/13, John Kwak, violin, Reading  
06/14, Adler Scheidt, guitar, Jazz Orchestra  
06/14, Kevin Stevens, trombone, Big Band  
06/14, Noah Mandell, alto sax, Jazz Ensemble  
06/15, Clayton Kullander, bassoon, Prep  
06/14, Jolie Davidson, voice, Choristers  
06/19, Josephine Mintel, violin, Symphony  
06/19, Greta Ramsey, viola, Cadet  
06/18, Mary Rose Donahue, violin, Cadet  
06/19, John Klaess, trumpet, Big Band  
06/20, Jennifer Lee, oboe, Concert  
06/21, Zachary Popp, horn, Symphony & Wind Symphony  
06/20, Alexandra Peterson, harp, Concert & Symphony  
06/22, Isabel Tannenbaum, violin, Reading  
06/22, Monica Lee, viola, Symphony  
06/22, Carly Saitelbach, voice, Voices Rising  
06/22, Jenny Li, cello, Cadet  
06/24, Omar Kaufman, trumpet, Chamber Music  
06/25, Jessica Wells, bassoon, Symphony  
06/24, Madeleine Low, bassoon, Honors Wind Symphony  
06/25, Peter Sparks, violin, Reading  
06/26, Joshua Plotner, alto sax, Jazz Orchestra & Wind Symphony  
06/28, Andrew Clinkman, guitar, Big Band  
06/28, Daniel Pierson, piano, Big Band  
06/29, Joshua (JJ) Sechan, bari sax, Jazz Ensemble  
06/28, Alicia Leja, voice, Voices Rising  
07/02, Carson Goldman, percussion, Chamber Music  
07/02, Kara Gurvey, trombone, Jazz Orchestra  
07/01, Zalman Gagerman, oboe, Cadet & voice, Voices Rising  
07/05, Billy Thoms, trumpet, Symphony  
07/05, Robert Sameh, trombone, Jazz Orchestra  
07/08, Anthony Chiodo, viola, Symphony  
07/10, Melanie Putlak, voice, Voices Rising  
07/10, Michael Ruggeri, cello, Concert  
07/12, Shelby Munsterman, voice, Voices Rising  
07/11, Rian Watt, violin, Symphony  
07/13, Mia Vaananen, voice, Voices Rising  
07/13, Yiding Hao, violin, Concert  
07/16, Emily Acri, violin, Symphony  
07/16, Ellory Longdon, violin, Reading  
07/17, Harrison Swanson, trumpet, Cadet  
07/19, Jack Fuller, cello, Concert  
07/19, Laura Biersteker, flute, Symphony  
07/19, Anna Samudovsky, oboe, Prep  
07/19, Kevin Fuller, double bass, Concert  
07/19, Torin Bakke, viola, Cadet  
07/21, Daniel Quinn, percussion, Jazz Combo  
07/22, Ford Culver, horn, Chamber Music  
07/22, Austin Culver, tuba, Chamber Music  
07/21, Michael Brown, violin, Prep  
07/23, Erin Abrams, voice, Choristers  
07/24, Elena Snow, voice, Chorale  
07/24, Jacquelyn Baker, voice, Choristers  
07/24, Elena Snow, cello, Symphony  
07/25, Corey Richardson, guitar, Jazz Combo  
07/25, Miki Graf, cello, Cadet  
07/25, Leah Kuperman, voice, Choristers  
07/26, Martha Mekaelian, voice, Chorale  
07/27, Jeremy Krifka, viola, Symphony  
07/27, Sarah Balzer, oboe, Symphony & Honors Wind Symphony  
07/27, Emily Lutter, violin, Symphony  
07/27, Rachel Glazer, clarinet, Concert  
07/28, Jason Leman, flute, Concert  
07/29, Andrew Heaton, guitar, Jazz Combo  
07/30, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Jordan, cello, Concert  
07/29, Hillary Lindwall, viola, Concert

07/30, Alan Snow, violin, Concert  
07/30, Evan Link, trumpet, Concert  
07/30, Bertie Getz, voice, Choristers  
07/30, Alyssa Schardt, violin, Symphony  
07/31, Selene Serkland, voice, Choristers  
07/31, Stephen Johnson, trumpet, Prep  
07/30, Kendra Witkewicz, viola, Concert  
07/31, Claire Haffner, violin, Concert  
08/01, Michael Dranove, trombone, Symphony  
08/03, Jinyoung Lee, violin, Concert  
08/04, Brienne Lubor, violin, Prep  
08/05, Jesse Clevenger, horn, Symphony  
08/05, Hanna Woo, violin, Symphony  
08/06, Danielle Fraser, voice, Voices Rising  
08/07, Ben Solomonow, cello, Prep & Concert  
08/08, Cordelia M. Brand, viola, Concert  
08/08, Miriam Rood, voice, Chorale  
08/08, Aryn Harmon, cello, Reading  
08/08, Taylor Noe, voice, Chorale  
08/08, Elynn Harmon, viola, Reading  
08/08, Joycelynn Baker, voice, Choristers  
08/09, Emily Murphy, cello, Prep  
08/10, Christine Rovani, voice, Chorale & Concert  
08/12, Jacqueline Hong, tenor sax, Jazz Ensemble  
08/13, Namrata Kodali, viola, Symphony  
08/12, Gracie E. Williams, voice, Chorale  
08/12, Hayley Koch, voice, Chorale  
08/14, Harrison Keeshin, double bass, Symphony  
08/14, Solveig Haugland, violin, Reading  
08/14, Shannon He, violin, Prep  
08/15, Ryan Murphy, violin, Symphony  
08/16, Shane Simpson, piano, Jazz Orchestra  
08/18, Autumn Chodorowski, violin, Symphony  
08/18, Alexandra Gilroy, double bass, Symphony  
08/20, Konrad Sniezek, cello, Prep  
08/20, Avery Reneau, violin, Reading  
08/21, Kate Meyers, voice, Voices Rising  
08/22, Sean Meehan, tenor sax, Jazz Ensemble  
08/23, Zach Schuetter, tuba, Concert & Honors Wind Symphony  
08/23, Theodore Mavrakis, clarinet, Prep  
08/23, Ella Kinzie, violin, Concert  
08/22, Mia Goldstein, voice, Voices Rising  
08/23, Zach Schuetter, trombone, Jazz Orchestra  
08/23, Liesel Magnusson, oboe, Prep  
08/23, Melanie Qing, violin, Cadet