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MYA's Weekly News

GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome Back to MYA!

Or, if you're new, Welcome! Looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

Road Construction Detours to MYA

The bridge on Old Elm Road is under construction and Old Elm Road will be closed until November. To get to the MYA Center by driving, when coming from the South take Half Day Road and turn left on Summit and follow to Old Elm. If coming from the North exit at Westleigh Road and head east. Westleigh will turn into Sheridan – just follow Sheridan to Old Elm Road and turn left into Ft. Sheridan.

Mandatory Parent Meetings for parents NEW to MYA!

Gena Andreasen, Parent Volunteer Coordinator, will be able to answer all of your questions! She will go over important information including: Season Overview, Student Directory, Volunteer Opportunities, and Introduction of Ensemble Liaisons

Saturday, September 6: 12:00 PM

Sunday, September 7: 6:00 PM

Please Note: Parent meetings will be held outside, under a tent on the front lawn. Parents not new to MYA are also welcome and encouraged to attend!

JAZZ PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE THAT CHANGES IN REHEARSAL VENUES WILL BE ELABORATED ON AT THE SUNDAY PARENT MEETINGS!

MYA has 3 Important Websites!

Keep up-to-date with all of MYA's activities at the following sites – be sure and stay connected!!

1. www.mya.org – MYA's main website. All of MYA's upcoming concerts and events are posted on this site. You can purchase tickets to MYA's concerts at this site, find out about all of MYA's fundraising activities and events, and find information about all of MYA's programs. Go to the Member's page for important information pertaining to your ensemble!
2. wmya.fm – MYA's podcasting site. The site includes interviews with master teachers and artists, and performances by MYA students and ensembles. Download new weekly episodes each week! This is a great way to stay connected and to share MYA with your friends and family!
3. www.private-teaching.org – an on-line resource to find a private lesson instructor or accompanist in your area. This is an excellent website for teachers, parents and students.

Schedule

Saturday, September 6:

- Theory Placement Questionnaires (written & aural)
9:00, 10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15
- First day of rehearsals for ALL Orchestras
9:30 – 11:00 AM: Cadet
10:00 – noon: Concert
11:00 – noon: Reading
12:00 – 2:00 PM: Prep
12:00 – 3:00 PM: Symphony
- **12:00 PM: Parent Meeting for parents NEW to MYA!**
*Old MYA families also encouraged to attend

Sunday, September 7:

First day of rehearsals for ALL Jazz Ensembles and Choral Ensembles.

- Jazz Theory placement questionnaires:
12:00 PM: Jazz Ensemble
2:30 PM: Jazz Orchestra
4:45 PM: Big Band

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

- Jazz Ensembles Schedule:
 - 12:30 – 2:00 PM Jazz Ensemble
 - 3:00 – 4:30 PM Jazz Orchestra
 - 5:30 – 7:30 PM Big Band
- Choral Ensembles Schedule
 - 4:30 – 5:30 PM Choristers
 - 7:00 – 9:00 PM Chorale
- Voices Rising Schedule
 - 3:00 – 3:45 PM VR BLUE Musicianship Class (optional)
 - 4:00 – 5:30 PM VR BLUE Rehearsal
 - 5:00 – 6:30 PM VR PURPLE Rehearsal
 - 6:30 – 7:00 PM Pizza for purchase (\$2 per slice)
 - 7:00 – 8:00 PM VR PURPLE Musicianship Class (optional)

• 5:00 PM: Choral Chamber Music Meeting for Parents and Students

• 6:00 PM: Parent Meeting for parents NEW to MYA!

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Tuesday & Thursday, September 9 & 11:

Jazz Combo rehearsals begin

Saxophone chamber groups begin (Thursday)

Music Theory

Welcome back to another year of theory at MYA! As many of you know, last year we began implementing a new theory curriculum:

Returning students can generally only move up class levels by testing into the next level. This applies only for students who have taken Musicianship 2 and wish to move up to College Prep 1, and for students who have taken College Prep 1 and wish to move up to College Prep 2. Students who have taken Musicianship 1 automatically move into Musicianship 2; students who have taken College Prep 2 will begin the year with some review and, in the Winter/Spring semester, have the option to take a composition class. Students who were in Musicianship 1 or 2 last year and have moved into Concert Orchestra will automatically move into College Prep 1. Students who do not wish to attempt to test into the next level may remain in the same level. The test to move up is the placement quiz (see times below). **Class placements will be posted outside of the Theory Room.**

New students must take a placement quiz in order to be placed unless they have not had any theory in the past or do not wish to take a placement quiz, in which case they will automatically be placed in the lowest level for their orchestra.

Placement quizzes will be given on Saturday, September 6th and regular classes will begin on Saturday, September 13th. Make sure to bring a pencil! The entire quiz should take no more than 30 minutes. Final placements and class times will be posted on the website by the middle of next week: www.mya.org/programs/theory.php.

Quiz times on Sat, Sept. 6th: 9am, 10:15am, 11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:15pm, 2:15pm, 3:15pm

MYA General Q & A's

Q. I have a marching band conflict this month with orchestra this month. What should I do?

A. We hope that when you are absent for any reason, you go to the Members' page of our website and fill out the on-line absence form. This puts it into a database that we print out and give to our coaches and directors so they know who is going to be absent each week. We usually print it out before we leave on Friday evening, so as soon as you know the absence is coming up, please let us know. If you're in a chamber music ensemble, don't forget to find a sub for your part. This should be easier as you get to know students in your section.

Q. My child will be at MYA for quite awhile on Saturday or Sunday. Is there anywhere close by to get something to eat?

A. We've been told that one of the best memories of our Alum's MYA experience was eating pizza and hanging out with their friends. On Saturday (and maybe we'll also start on Sunday if we find a volunteer), we have bagels and pizza for sale, as well as fruit, snacks, and drinks.

Q. When do the ensembles perform and is there a schedule where I can locate upcoming events?

A. MYA has more than 40 performances each year. Please keep up-to-date with our events by going to the calendar on the Members page of the MYA website, by viewing the Concerts & Events page on the website, by reading our weekly newsletter, and by viewing information posted on the bulletin boards. Please also pick up a copy of our Season Brochure, which has all major concerts and ticket prices listed. Purchasing tickets prior to September 20th will provide substantial savings!!

Order Your Season Tickets Now & Save!

Please pick up a copy of MYA's 2008-09 Season Brochure and order your season tickets by September 20 to save on MYA's concert tickets for the fall!

MYA Photo Days: September 20 & 21

Each year MYA has professional group photos taken of each ensemble for the annual concert program book. Students must wear their concert attire on this day for their regular rehearsals. A complete description of proper dress for each ensemble can be found on our website at www.mya.org/handbook/dresscode.php.

Saturday Photo Times		Sunday Photo Times	
9:15	Cadet	2:00	Jazz Ensemble
9:45	Concert	3:30	Tuesday Combos
11:45	Reading	4:00	Voices Rising
12:00	Prep	4:15	Jazz Orchestra
2:45	Symphony	4:30	Thursday Combos
		5:00	Big Band
		5:30	Choristers
		6:30	Chorale

Current Openings at MYA!

Please Spread the Word! Midwest Young Artists' nationally acclaimed music program is currently accepting applicants for its Choristers & Chorale Vocal Ensembles and selected instruments for both MYA's Jazz and Orchestra program as listed on the MYA website at <http://www.mya.org/audition>! Interested parties may register on-line or contact the MYA office at 847.926.9898.

Students can sign up for MYA's Honors Wind Symphony through the end of September. Current Symphony members do not have to audition. The Honors Wind Symphony will begin after marching season and after MYA's October 26th concert.

NFAA youngARTS Deadline

The National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts is still accepting applications for their nationwide search for young talent! For more than 25 years, the NFAA has been dedicated to nurturing and supporting young artists as they pursue their dreams. The registration deadline is **October 1st**. For more information and to register, go to www.nfaa.org.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Volunteer Leader Positions still needed! Please see Gena for more information, or send her an email at: genaandresasen@mya.org.

Parent Liaisons - Jazz, Orchestra, Choristers, Honors Wind Symphony
 Chamber Competition Coordinator - March 1, 2009
 Concessions Coordinator - Saturdays, Sundays
 Pick-Staiger Concerts
 Soiree Hostess Coordinator
 Truck Loading/Unloading Supervisor

It's only the first weekend in September, and we already have people to thank who have put in volunteer time.

Thank you, **Conor Donahue**/Prep, for helping organize our music library and taking care of the office recycling over the summer.

Thank you to all who helped mail out invoices and our season brochure. **Christina Shi**(Michael Song/Conc), **Pam Roble**(Jake/Conc), **Cai Zhai & Michelle Wang**(Joe/Conc & Joyce/Sym), **Emely Rodriguez-Jordan**(Lizzy/Conc), **Jennifer Li**(Shannon He/Conc), **Rachel Tigner**(Julie Milliken/Conc), **Jeanne Besetzney & Kyle**/Conc, **Sara Chung & Alura Chung-Mehdi**/Cad, **Lan Li & Zhipeng Hao**(Yiding Hao/Sym), **Shwu-ing Chen**(Stephanie Doong/Sym & Justin Doon/Conc), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Sym/Chorale), **Denise, Miki & Cloe Graf**(Miki/Cad), **Kalli Angel**/Sym, **Sandy Stoneham**(Nina/Chorale), **Meribeth Dalbec**(Aubry/Sym & Madeleine/Conc), **Amy Acri**(Emily/Sym), **Renee Gagerman**(Zalman/Cad/VR), **Joyce, Lizzie, & Stephanie**/Sym **Allen, Monika Makoski**(Melanie/Conc), **Yuying Wu & Donghong**(Gina Li/Prep).

Thanks to the help of our parents, we had a very successful lock-in. **Jody Simmons**(Marissa/Chorale/Conc), **Midori O'Connell**(Ev/Sym), **Natalie Jacobsen**(Jessica/Chorale), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Chorale/Sym), **Bruce Watts**(Ingrid/Sym) and **Dan Lindwall**(Hillary/Sym) helped prepare and serve the BBQ. **Jackie Clawson**(Liz/Sym), **Saras Te**(Ron/JazzE & Ryan/Sym)-also donated rolls for the burgers, **Nina Simpson**(Shane/BigB), **Jody Simmons**(Marissa/Chorale/Conc), helped prepare and serve the pancakes sausage and fruit. **Tammy Lathan**(Megan/Sym), **Terre Berg**(Tom/BigB), **Daniel Dahlke**(Alyssa/Sym), **Dean Leff**(Jamie/Sym), **Brian Love**(Sponsor/Sym) recorded the seating auditions. Thank you **Donna Schardt**(Alyssa/Alum) for purchasing everything we needed for the weekend, and staying until midnight. **Robert Bassill** also stayed until midnight helping with supervision. **Dr. D., Mr. Krauspe, and Gena Andreasen**(Hannah/Sym), had the pleasure of staying over night with the kids - thank you!

We had a quick PVO meeting to help kick off the year. Thanks goes to **Gayle Gottfried**(Gabrielle/Prep), **Liz Leman**(Jason/Conc & Abby/Cad), **Bettina Swanson**(Harrison/Prep), **Natalie Jacobsen**(Jessica/Chorale) **Don Tunkl**(Aliza/Sym), and **Midori O'Connell**(Ev/Sym) for taking time out of your busy Saturday to join us.

Please be sure and sign the volunteer log in the office or online (www.mya.org/support/volunteer.php) after you volunteer!

We are Looking Forward to a Terrific Year!