



Midwest Young Artists
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Midwest Young Artists:
Building a Home
with the Power of Music
to Enrich the Lives
of our Students
and Community

Theory Placements!

Final Theory Placements will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the Theory Room (room across from office, for new members) and are also posted online at www.mya.org/programs/theory.php. We are aware that some theory placements conflict with chamber group rehearsals. This is unfortunately an unavoidable result of trying to fit ensemble and chamber rehearsals and theory classes into a single day. Please contact Patrick Pearson (PatrickPearson@mya.org) and Liz Moore (LizMoore@mya.org) if you have any questions about this. Students are always welcome to drop to a lower theory level or take Jazz Theory on Sundays if it helps to resolve this scheduling conflict. Below are the class times:

Taught by Liz Moore:

- Musicianship 1 Cadet 9-9:30 (Theory Room)
- Musicianship 1 Reading 10-10:30 (Theory Room)
- Musicianship 2 Reading 10:30-11 (Theory Room)
- Musicianship 2 Cadet 11-11:30 (Theory Room)
- College Prep 1 (Cadet/Prep) 11:30-12 (Theory Room)
- College Prep 1 Concert 12-12:30 (Theory Room)
- College Prep 2 Concert 12:30-1(Theory Room)

Taught by Patrick Pearson:

- College Prep 1 Symphony 11-11:30 (Theory Listening Lab in the basement)
- College Prep 2 Symphony 11:30-12 (Theory Listening Lab in the basement)
- Musicianship 1 Prep 2-2:30 (Theory Room)
- Musicianship 2 Prep 2:30-3 (Theory Room)

MYA Photo Days: September 20 & 21 (NEXT WEEK!)

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

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| 9:15 | Cadet |
| 9:45 | Concert |
| 10:00 - 11:30 | Individual |
| 11:45 | Reading |
| 12:00 | Prep |
| 12:15 - 2:30 | Individual |
| 2:45 | Symphony |

Sunday Photo Times

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| 2:00 | Jazz Ensemble | 5:15 | Choristers |
| 2:15 - 3:15 | Individual | 5:30 | Big Band |
| 3:30 | Tuesday Combos | 5:45 - 6:20 | Individual |
| 3:45 - 4:15 | Individual | 6:30 | Chorale |
| 4:15 | Jazz Orchestra | | |
| 4:30 | Thursday Combos | | |
| 5:00 | Voices Rising | | |

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!

Please pay close attention to which concerts your child plays on before submitting your ticket form.

Special Thanks!

When you have a moment this weekend, go out into the lobby and bask in the beautiful glow of the MYA-custom-made stained glass window above the front entrance. MYA appreciatively thanks Emil Baukert (father of Hannah Baukert, violin, Concert) for offering his time and skill into this generous donation.

Faculty Update

MYA would like to officially welcome the following new faculty members:

Gordon Krauspe, *Chorale Director*

In this case, it's "Welcome Back", as Gordon was the Chorale Director at MYA from 2003-2005. Gordon is also Director of Choir at Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

Jeff Nelson, *Choral Chamber Coach*

Jeff was the MYA Chorale Director for the 4th quarter last season, and is back by popular demand as a coach in the new Choral Chamber Program!

Ben Gray, *Assistant Director of Voices Rising*

Ben Gray was the MYA Chorale Director for the 2nd quarter last season, and as Voices Rising expands, we have asked Ben to join our Choral faculty!

Matt Gemmill, *Chorale Accompanist*

Matt is brand new to MYA, so make sure to give him a warm MYA welcome! He just completed his Masters in Collaborative Piano from University of Michigan. He teaches voice in the area and will be accompanying Chorale this season!

Mandy Dennis, *String Chamber Coach*

Mandy has been a substitute chamber coach and cello sectional coach for MYA over the past few years. She teaches cello and freelances in the Chicago area as well.

Robert Shepard, *Intern*

Robert just graduated from University of Illinois with a degree in Political Science. He will be helping out mainly with the Jazz Program!

We also would like to announce that **Rhona Reagen** (String Chamber Coach) is the new conductor for Reading Orchestra. **Patrick Pearson** will continue to conduct Cadet and Prep Orchestras, but will also be teaching Theory for College Prep 1 (Symphony) and above (**Liz Moore** will be teaching up to College Prep 2 (Concert). Liz and Patrick will both be filling in for Peter Kupfer for the Fall semester.

MYA was saddened to say goodbye to **Susan Cook** (Director of Marketing/Communications) this past month. She begins her work as Director of Academic Affairs at Sherwood Conservatory of Music at Columbia College! We wish her the best, and are humbled that Susan will remain on the MYA faculty as Saxophone Chamber Coach.

Jazz Rehearsals at Ravinia

Dear MYA Jazz Parent,

As MYA has grown we find ourselves both needing more space and desiring to involve more students in our programs who might benefit from the experiences we offer. The addition of the big bands to our Jazz Program curriculum a few years ago necessitated moving much of the activities to Sunday. With the growth of both the Jazz Program's big bands and theory programs as well as the growth of the Choral Programs and the expanded use of Sundays for Chamber Music Musicales and Orchestra Program happenings, there are some dates that we simply have been too "squeezed" to accommodate the best learning environments possible. Lastly, the new Wind Symphony Program has taken root and looks like it will be a success as well. Consequently, we have been thinking of space options to help us better serve all our Programs.

Beginning this fall, we have entered into a partnership with Ravinia to move our Sunday Jazz Program to meet at Gordon Bennett Hall. We will also have some Chamber Music Groups and instrument technique/master classes taught there as well. This will allow our big bands to have a concert hall setting for their rehearsals thereby improving the acoustic and musical environment for those involved. There will still be some rehearsals at MYA as Gordon Bennett will not be available every weekend but the bulk of the rehearsals will be there. We begin at MYA until September 28, when we move to Ravinia.

I am sure you are as excited and curious about this as we are! While there might be some "glitches" in the process, I hope you will help us make this as educationally rewarding as we want it to be!

Sincerely,



Allan Dennis

Here are the official dates that jazz rehearsals will be at Ravinia (Bennett-Gordon Hall):

September 28, **October 5**, October 12, October 19, November 2, November 9, November 16, November 23, November 30

Reminder: October 5th will be a Jam Session night! If you have any questions, ask Nic Meyer (NicMeyer@mya.org).

Honors Wind Symphony

We are still taking auditions for Honors Wind Symphony! **Students enrolled in the Orchestra Program or a Big Band receive a 100% fall semester scholarship.** Tell your friends and school directors about it! Non-MYA students should go to www.mya.org/programs/wind.php for more information and to fill out an audition form!

Rehearsals will begin November 2nd from **2:30-4:30** (as opposed to the original 7-9 time) at MYA! Rehearsals will continue every Sunday up to the concert on **December 13th** at 7:00 (venue TBD).

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.

Have You Heard...

About **WMYA.FM**? Keep up-to-date with all of MYA's performances and interviews with faculty!

WMYA.FM – MYA's podcast 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!



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 60 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.

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 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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Transportation - We are looking for someone to give rides to our two Symphony students from Lake Forest Academy (off of Route 60 just west of Waukegan Road). They need to be at MYA by 10:00 and can return after 3:00. Please contact Karen Dennis (mya@mya.org), if you can help us with this.

Adopt a School - You will be receiving information through email if you signed up to Adopt a School. Every music teacher gets two complimentary tickets to each concert. Please give them a Season Brochure and a teacher ticket order. We will have extra forms in the entry area.

Seating Auditions - We need a parent to record seating auditions during Prep Orchestra rehearsals on Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18. If you are able to help out, please contact Tammy Lathan (playaflute@att.net).

Forms - Auction Donation, Spiritwear, Picture Orders, Adopt a School, etc, may be found in the entry way of the back door by the newsletter.

Benefit Kick Off meeting - September 23, 6:30pm at MYA

Volunteer Leader Positions still needed! Please see or email Gena (GenaAndreasen@mya.org) for more information.

Parent Liaisons

Jazz Orchestra

Choristers

Honors Wind Ensemble

Chamber Competition Coordinator - March 1, 2009

Concessions Coordinator

Saturdays

Pick Staiger Concerts
Soiree Hostess Coordinator
Truck Loading/Unloading Supervisor

Please be sure and sign the volunteer log in the office or on line <http://www.mya.org/support/volunteer.php> after you volunteer.