



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

MYA Photo Day Schedule

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	5:15	Choristers
9:45	Concert	2:15 - 3:15	Individual	5:30	Big Band
10:00 - 11:30	Individual	3:30	Tuesday Combos	5:45 - 6:20	Individual
11:45	Reading	3:45 - 4:15	Individual	6:30	Chorale
12:00	Prep	4:15	Jazz Orchestra		
12:15 - 2:30	Individual	4:30	Thursday Combos		
2:45	Symphony	5:00	Voices Rising		

LAST CHANCE to Order Your Season Tickets & Save!

Please pick up a copy of MYA's 2008-09 Season Brochure and order your season tickets by SATURDAY 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.

Note: On the ticket order forms, you will notice that you can purchase tickets of different "tiers." We have had several questions asking exactly what "tier" refers to. Basically, top tiers will be closest to the front (balcony or floor level).

NEW! Performance Classes

MYA Starts Cello Class This Weekend!

We welcome **Hans Jensen**, distinguished Northwestern Professor of Cello, this week to MYA to kick off a new series of performance classes for string students. These classes will be patterned after MYA's popular Bass Class that has been going on for several years on Saturday morning. The format of the class with Dr. D has been: 1) a little time on technique each class (scales, arpeggios!); 2) performance class with peer feedback as well as from the master teacher (students can bring the solos they are working on with their private teacher); and 3) bass ensemble (check out this link on www.mya.fm to see [a performance of the bass class last spring!](#))

Cello class will meet from 8-9:45 am in the North Rehearsal Hall. For now, participation is limited to cellists in Concert and Symphony Orchestras, but Reading, Cadet and Prep students are welcome to come and watch and listen!

If you are a violin or viola player, we will let you know the schedule for violin and viola classes within the next couple of weeks. Violin class will start **next week** (September 27), with **Gerardo Ribeiro**, Professor of Violin at Northwestern University. Viola class will start on October 4, with **Rami Solomonow**, Professor of Viola at DePaul University, member of Chicago Chamber Musicians, and former principal viola of Lyric Opera Orchestra.

These performance classes are possible because our *Dream With Us* Endowment Campaign has made funds available to launch new programs. For at least the first semester, there will be no charge for MYA students to participate in these classes. Try them out and let us know what you think!

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.

Faculty Update

This weekend, we welcome back **Julie Fischer!** Julie is an MYA alum ('98, violin) and was a string chamber coach at MYA for several years. She moved to Cincinnati after the 2006-2007 season. There, she plays in the Azmari Quartet, artists-in-residence at Northern Kentucky University. Julie got her Bachelor's degree from Cleveland Institute of Music and her Masters from New England Conservatory. She will be coaching Rhona Reagen's chamber groups this week. Welcome back, Julie!

Violin soloist **David Yonan** is joining MYA's chamber music faculty beginning today. Mr. Yonan has several violin students in the MYA program this year!

Advertise with MYA!

Help support MYA by advertising in MYA's Concert Program Book for the 2008-2009 season! Pass the word on to whomever you think would be interested! **You can pick up an ad form on your way in this weekend right next to the newsletters.**

Why advertise with Midwest Young Artists?

- One rate will display your business in all of MYA's concert programs for the entire season, reaching an audience of over 10,000, and more importantly, our students and parents! The 2008-2009 season includes four concerts at the Harris Theater in Millennium Park in Chicago, and four concerts at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall in Evanston.

- MYA has over 500 families involved in our organization that comprise a large number of concert attendees. This is a great way to gain visibility for your business! We also allow business advertisers to display ads or promotional flyers on our bulletin boards at the MYA Center at Fort Sheridan.

A full page ad will also provide your business with additional visibility on our MYA website. Check out:

<http://www.mya.org/support/advertisers.php>. If you have a web site, we will include a link from our site to yours. If you don't, we will list your business with your phone number, email, and location.

If you have any questions, contact Derek Handley (DerekHandley@mya.org).

Jazz Rehearsals at Ravinia Begin NEXT WEEK

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

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

Cadet, Prep and Concert Seating Auditions

Seating Auditions for Cadet, Prep and Concert Orchestras start NEXT WEEK! Here is the schedule:

September 27 - Violin 2 and Viola

October 4 - Cello and Bass

October 11 - Violin 1

As always, you will audition during rehearsal time.

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!



Current Openings at MYA in Choral Program and Honors Wind Symphony!

Please Spread the Word! Midwest Young Artists is currently accepting applicants for its Choristers & Chorale Vocal Ensembles. Interested students may register on-line or contact the MYA office at (847) 926-9898.

Current Symphony members do not have to audition for Honors Wind Symphony. The Wind Symphony will begin after marching season and after MYA's October 26th concert, so students should sign up online for an audition soon!

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Seating Auditions - We need a parent to record seating auditions during Prep Orchestra rehearsals on Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11. If you are able to help out, please contact Tammy Lathan at (847) 247-9425 or playaflute@att.net.

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.

Forms - Auction Donation, Spiritwear, Picture Orders, Adopt a School, etc, may be found in the entry way of the back door by the newsletter, and are downloadable from the Members page of the MYA website.

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

There will be a BBQ Dinner for this, and anyone is welcome to attend and get started on MYA's big fund-raiser!

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.