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MYA's Weekly News

You should have received your invoices in the mail already. **If you have not received it, please contact DonnaSchardt@mya.org.** (Donna is also the contact if you wish to set up a payment plan for next semester)

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

FEATURED NEWS

MYA at Chicago Botanic Garden This Weekend!

It's a great time to visit the CBG's Wonderland Express exhibit and come hear MYA perform in Alsdorf Auditorium!

♪ **Saturday, December 13th at 5:00 PM**

Star Medley

MYA's Jazz Orchestra and Big Band

Performers should arrive at Alsdorf Auditorium NO LATER than 4:15 PM!

♪ **Sunday, December 14th, 10:00 AM - NOON**

MYA's Vocal Chamber Ensembles will be caroling throughout the Wonderland Express exhibit!

Instrument Classes on SATURDAY

♪ **Violin Class - 8:00-9:45 AM**

We are pleased to have our very own **David Yonan** (MYA String Chamber Coach) teaching Violin Class this Saturday in the **North Rehearsal Hall**.

♪ **Bass Class - 8:15-9:15 AM**

Bass Class will also be meeting on Saturday in the **SOUTH Rehearsal Hall**.

There will be no Instrument Classes next weekend.

December 20th Schedule - Harris Theater

Symphony, Chorale and Big Band need to arrive by **10:30 AM!**

11:00 AM Symphony, Chorale, Big Band Dress Rehearsal
1:00 PM BREAK
2:00 PM Concert
4:00 PM Concert

CHORISTERS!

2:00 PM Rehearse backstage
3:00 PM Sing in lobby
4:00 PM Attend concert as a group
5:00 PM Sing in lobby

ALL MYA students: Come support your colleagues and get into the holiday spirit! Invite your friends and family, too!

PROGRAM INFORMATION

ORCHESTRA

Seating Auditions

♪ **Prep Seating Audition Excerpts (Strings) - Date TBA**

Beethoven Symphony #5 - 4th movement

1st Violin

- Beginning to A
- measure 407-435
- 4 measures before E until Tempo 1
- G to H
- measure 763-777

2nd Violin

- measure 407- 435
- 10 measures before D until Tempo I

Viola

- 10 measures before D until Tempo I
- measure 613-644

Cello

- A until B
- measure 450 until measure 463 (take the 2nd ending)
- 2 measures before C until Tempo I

Violins: If you are interested in the *Danse Macabre* solo, prepare ALL of the solo excerpts. You must know how to tune your open E string to E flat.

Mr. P will have ALL excerpts for BOTH Cadet and Prep very soon!

♪ Symphony Seating Auditions - January 3rd

This has been on the calendar, but Symphony seating auditions are on **January 3rd** (1st rehearsal of Spring semester) after rehearsal, starting promptly at **3:00 PM**.

Make-up auditions are set for **Wednesday, January 7** beginning at **6:00 PM** (MUST BE SCHEDULED AHEAD OF TIME by contacting Will Biby (WillBiby@mya.org) in the office).

As always, Dr. D will be providing you with a list of **potential excerpts**, but you can plan on *Moldau* and *The Planets* both being on the audition!

JAZZ

Important Info for This Weekend!

MYA's Jazz Orchestra and Big Band will be performing at the Botanic Garden this Saturday, at 5:00 PM. **Students should be in Alsdorf Auditorium no later than 4:15 PM.** Security has a list of participating students so there should be no charge for entering and parking. If you or your family members (up to 4) want to see the Wonderland Express exhibit, the same list of participating students will be at the exhibit in the East Greenhouse Gallery and you will be admitted at no charge.

This **SUNDAY, December 14**, there are regular rehearsals, and they are **AT RAVINIA** again!

Faculty & Friends Piano Jazz Concert

Friday, January 2nd at 7:00 PM

Faculty & Friends Piano Jazz Concert

MYA Center at Fort Sheridan

Piano jazz talents of MYA's students, alumni and teachers! Tickets: \$5 Adults, \$2 Students, FREE for MYA students!

CHORAL

Welcome Yule! - Bus Schedule

It's that time of year again! Voices Rising will be performing in the Welcome Yule! holiday concerts with the Chicago Symphony.

Here is the bus schedule for Voices Rising buses to and from the Symphony Center. Please arrive **before** the scheduled departure so we can make sure that we all leave on time! We will not hold the bus for anyone.

	<u>MYA Center</u>		<u>Sunset Ridge School Parking Lot</u>	
	Bus Departure	Bus Arrival (approx.)	Bus Departure	Bus Arrival (approx.)
Saturday, Dec. 13	11:45 a.m.	6:15 p.m.	12 p.m.	6 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 14	10:45 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	11 a.m.	7:15 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 19	4:30 p.m.	10 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	9:45 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20	12:45 p.m.	6 p.m.	1 p.m.	5:45 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 21	10:45 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	11 a.m.	7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 23	11 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	11:15 a.m.	7:15 p.m.

On days we have two shows (Sunday, December 14; Sunday, December 21; and Tuesday, December 23), we will provide a lunch of cheese pizza, carrots, cookies, and water between the two shows. **We are not having parents bring water or snacks for the bus this year, so please bring what you need!**

Tickets are going fast for this Chicago tradition! Be sure to order yours from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra box office at www.cso.org or by calling (312) 294-3000.

Choristers - December 20th

Choristers rehearse as usual on Sunday in preparation for singing in the lobby after the concerts at Harris Theater on Saturday, December 20th! **Students should be at Harris Theater by 1:45 PM.** Go in the Security Entrance, Level 2.5 (same level as the Millennium Park Parking Garage). Here is the schedule of events throughout the day:

2:00 PM Rehearse backstage **4:00 PM Attend concert as a group**
3:00 PM Sing in lobby **5:00 PM Sing in lobby**

If parents want to stay with the group backstage and then watch the 4 PM concert with the students, please let Gena Andreasen (genaandreasen@mya.org) or Rebecca Watts (rebeccawatts@mya.org) know of your interest.

Pizza will NOT be available this Sunday for **Chorale!** Sorry for any inconvenience.

WIND SYMPHONY

NO Honors Wind Symphony Rehearsal on Sunday!

Rehearsals start up again on **Sunday, January 4, 2009.**

CHAMBER

No Chamber Rehearsals on January 3rd

Although the Orchestra Program starts back up on the 3rd, the **Chamber Program** doesn't start back up until **January 10th**.

Upcoming Soirees

December 14, 2:00 PM - SUNDAY!

Soirees for Spring semester:

January 11th and 18th, February 15th, March 15th

All Sunday Soirees start at 2:00 PM and are FREE and open to the public!

GENERAL INFORMATION

MYA Alumni Concert

December 27th at 6:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, Evanston

Join us after the concert at **Pete Miller's** in Evanston, where our jazz alumni will hold a jam session!

MYA Early Childhood Program

MYA has long been committed to offering the finest youth music opportunities and creating a fun, educationally-based social environment where music is a part of every child's life. While we have been focused on doing this for advanced students, we now would like to offer quality, fun based experiences for younger children who have not yet begun Kindergarten (age 2-5).

Researchers have suggested that music involvement improves our children's ability to succeed in academic achievement. Consider the Mozart effect – listening to Mozart's music may induce a short-term improvement on the performance of certain kinds of mental tasks and/or that early childhood exposure to classical music has a beneficial effect on mental development.

We would like to get a good idea of interest level in a program like this. The classes would be 45-50 minutes in length and would be modeled after unique non-packaged, children-focused teaching ideas, and would most likely take place during the day on a weekday starting in January. Please contact MYA at mya@mya.org or Dr. Dennis at allandennis@mya.org if your child might be interested in this program.

Where To Find MYA...

YouTube (www.youtube.com)

You can find Midwest Young Artists' YouTube page at www.youtube.com/user/MidwestYoungArtists.



Facebook (www.facebook.com)

"Become a fan" of and add Midwest Young Artists as a friend on Facebook.

WMYA.FM (wmya.fm)

MYA's podcast site - this is the place to go to download the most recent MYA performances, interviews and more! **This week on WMYA.FM:** Watch Martha Botelho Vieira, MYA Senior Division Winner of the Walgreen's Concerto Competition, perform the first movement of *Symphonie Espagnol* during the February 23rd concert last season at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall.



Myspace (www.myspace.com)

ADD US AS A FRIEND: www.myspace.com/midwestyoungartists.

Spiritwear Orders Still In Office!

The MYA Spiritwear orders arrived last weekend! If you did not pick your order up, stop by the MYA office. Any questions regarding your order may be directed to Heidi Locker-Scheer at hlockerscheer@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your orders and hope that you enjoy your Spiritwear!

Don't forget to get your official MYA grocery bags (\$3 large, \$2 small) and help save the environment!

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Open Rehearsal, January 14th

Look on the North Hall bulletin board for a sign-up sheet!

Walgreens Concerto Competition

December 28th and 29th, ALL DAY

MYA Center

Come support your friends as they compete to play with the MYA Symphony in February. If you are competing - GOOD LUCK!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**Volunteer Opportunities** – Contact Gena (genaandreasen@mya.org)

- **Harris Theater Concert**
 - Back stage help - 2 people from 10:15 – 11:15, and 2 people 1:00 – 2:00
 - Raffle Sales at 1:30-2:00, 3:00-4:00, 5:00-5:30
 - Children are welcome to help - please let Gena know who can help sell. We will partner the younger kids with older.
 - Parent volunteers to help Mrs. Moore at Harris Theater. Please let **Rebecca Watts** or **Gena Andraesen** know.
- **Soiree Hostess** as well as **December 14**. The job entails setting out the baked goods and making it look nice
- **Walgreens Competition** Sunday & Monday, December 28 & 29
 - Please email Mary Jo Biersteker if you are able to volunteer either day. mjbierst@comcast.net
 - We are in need of some pretty heavy duty baking. We have over 210 contestants and families we would like to provide goodies for during the competition. We are looking for 3-4 dozen cookies, bars, or whatever you would like to bring. Please let Gena know if you are able to help.
 - We are looking for someone to prepare food for our judges at noon. We provide lunch on both days of the competition. This can be something as easy as picking up Corner Bakery, or Baking Sara Lee Lasagnas. If you love to cook, the judges love the homemade food as well. MYA will reimburse you for your expenditures, just submit your receipts to Peili Chim. We need to feed about 10-12 people.

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

MYA BENEFIT

Save the Date for our **Starry Night Benefit** on **February 28, 2009** at the **Exmoor Country Club** in Highland Park!

RAFFLE CONTEST – Win an iTunes Card!!

- **Sell the most raffle tickets to win**
 - **1st Prize: \$100**
 - **2nd Prize: \$50**
- Contest ends February 1st.
- Sign out your packet of tickets in the office.
- We're sure all of your relatives visiting for the holidays will take advantage of this incredible opportunity to win a Mac Book, iPod Touch, or Bose Headphones.
- Let the contest begin!

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS LISTING

Please let us know about your upcoming concerts, competitions, etc. – email derekhandley@mya.org.

12/11, 7:30pm, Orchestra, Orchestra concert, Barrington High School, Barrington
 12/11, 7:00pm, Bands, Winter Band Concert, Highland Park High School, Highland Park
 12/11, 7:30pm, Various, Talent Show, Lake Zurich High School, Lake Zurich
 12/11, 7:30pm, Sr. High All Groups, Holiday Music Festival, Vernon Hills High School, Vernon Hills
 12/12, During Day, Chamber, Chamber Ensemble Tour, Mundelein High School, Mundelein
 12/12, 10:30am, Various, Holiday Community Performance, Niles West High School, Skokie
 12/12, 7:30pm, Orchestra & Choirs, Orchestra/Choir Holiday Concert, Niles West High School, Skokie
 12/13, 1:00pm & 3:00pm, Band, Choir, Orchestra & More, Christmas Concert, Loyola Academy, Wilmette
 12/13, 7:30pm, Orchestra, Orchestra Holiday Concert, Niles North High School, Skokie
 12/14, 3:00pm, GBN Strings, Band & Choir, Music Department Holiday Concert, Glenbrook North High School, Northbrook
 12/14, 3:00pm, Instrumental Groups, Holiday Concert: Instrumental, Lake Forest High School
 12/14, 7:00pm, Chorus, Holiday Concert: Choral Groups, Lake Forest High School
 12/14, 1:00pm, Choirs, Holiday Choir, Lake Zurich High School, Lake Zurich
 12/14, 4:00pm, Bands, Holiday Bands, Lake Zurich High School, Lake Zurich
 12/14, 7:00pm, Orchestra, Holiday Orchestra, Lake Zurich High School, Lake Zurich
 12/14, 3:00pm, Band/Orchestra/Chorus, Winter Music Festival, New Trier High School, Winnetka
 12/14, 1:00 & 4:00pm, Choirs & Chamber, Madrigal Dinner, Rolling Meadows High School, Rolling Meadows
 12/15, 7:00pm, Chorus, Winter Choral Concert, Buffalo Grove High School, Buffalo Grove
 12/15, 7:00pm, Chorus & Orchestras, Choral & Chamber Orchestra, Highland Park High School, Highland Park
 12/15, 7:30pm, Orchestra, Holiday Orchestra Concert, Stevenson High School, Buffalo Grove
 12/16, 7:30pm, Band, Holiday Band Concert, Libertyville High School, Libertyville
 12/17, 7:00pm, Bands, Winter Band Concert, Buffalo Grove High School, Buffalo Grove
 12/17 & 12/18, 7:30pm, Choirs, Choir concert, Barrington High School, Barrington
 12/18, 7:30pm, Choir, Blue Notes/Bare Voices Concert, Lake Zurich High School, Lake Zurich
 12/18, 7:30pm, Choir, Choir Holiday Concert, Niles North High School, Skokie
 12/18, 7:30pm, Bands, Bands Holiday Concert, Niles West High School, Skokie
 12/18, 7:00pm, Symphony Orchestra/Band/choir, London trip preview Concert, Prospect High School, Mt. Prospect
 12/19, 7:00pm, Bands, Holiday Band Concert #2, Warren Township HS O'Plaine Campus Auditorium, Gurnee
 12/20, 7:30pm, Band, Band Holiday Concert, Niles North High School, Skokie