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MYA's Weekly News

FEATURED NEWS

Instrument Classes - SATURDAY!

🎵 Cello Class

This Saturday, **Cello Class** will be taught by **Tanya Carey** in the North Hall as usual from **8:00-9:45am**. Mrs. Carey is on faculty at Chicago College for the Performing Arts (Roosevelt University) and was formerly Assistant Principal in the Milwaukee Symphony.

Next week, there will be **Violin Class** with **Gerardo Ribeiro!** Call Mrs. D if you would like to play - (847) 926-9898 x304.

🎵 Bass Class

Also this Saturday is **Bass Class**, taught by Dr. D in the South Hall from **8:15-9:15am!**

PROGRAM INFORMATION

ORCHESTRA

Seating Auditions

🎵 Cadet, Prep and Concert

January 17	CELLOS
January 24	VIOLAS and BASSES
January 31	VIOLIN 1, VIOLIN 2
February 7	WINDS and BRASS

Cadet and Prep members: If you have forgotten what the excerpts are, they are posted on the website (from the home page: Members→Ensemble Info)

Concert members: Excerpts will be posted online soon!

🎵 Symphony

Symphony members: The results will be posted next week!

JAZZ

Jazz Rehearsals at Ravinia this SUNDAY!

Jazz in January

Sunday, January 25 at 5:00pm

Stardust

Gottlieb Hall, Merit School of Music

Orbert Davis joins MYA's Jazz Ensembles and Combos for this festive evening of jazz favorites! Tickets range from \$20-\$35 for Adults, and \$10-\$20 for Students & Seniors.

CHORAL

Voices Rising

Schedule for **Jan. 11, 18, and 25**

- 3:30 - Blue Musicianship
- 4:30-6:30 - Blue and Purple Rehearsal
- 7:00 - Purple Musicianship

Reminder: The second deposit for the Washington D.C. trip is **DUE!** Please email Rebecca Watts (rebeccawatts@mya.org) if your child has any roommate preferences.

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

Vocal Chamber Music Ensembles

MYA's Vocal Chamber Music Ensembles will perform at the **Sunday Soiree at 2pm on January 18**. Please arrive at 1pm to rehearse. This is a free concert, and friends and family are encouraged to attend!

CHAMBER

Sunday Soirees!

January 11th - THIS SUNDAY!

Program:

Dvorak Piano Quintet, Op. 81

DeLaney Harter and Hanna Woo, violins; Lauren Sandoval, viola; Sophie Sun, cello; Emily Luo, piano

Spring Semester Soirees:

January 18th, February 15th, March 15th, May 3rd

COACHES: Be sure and fill out a *Chamber Performances Sign-Up Form* located in the Chamber/Soiree Box in the office!

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

Chamber Music Competitions

COACHES: You all have gotten a *Chamber Music Competition Sign-Up Form* by email (and in your boxes). This will let us know what chamber groups are planning on entering these competitions, and make it easier for us to fill out applications for the groups. **Please be as specific as possible with movement titles and duration, and put the forms in the Chamber/Soiree Box ASAP!** Please note that groups **MUST enter Chicago Chamber Music Competition in order to participate in other competitions.**

IMPORTANT - REMBRANDT COMPETITION!

If your groups are planning on participating in **REMBRANDT**, you must fill out a *Chamber Music Competition Sign-Up Form* with all the information and put it in the Chamber/Soiree Box **BEFORE YOU LEAVE ON SATURDAY!**

Competition Recording Dates

Below are the recording dates for the **Fischhoff Chamber Competition** and the **St. Paul String Quartet Competition (SPSQC)**.

Keep in mind the following:

- You must schedule **3 30-min. time slots**
- Groups must record for **both Fischhoff and SPSQC** during these 3 scheduled time slots
- Contact **Derek Handley** (derekhandley@mya.org) to schedule recording times!

Recording Dates:

January 19 th	9am-5:30pm
February 8 th	9am-1pm
February 15 th	9am-1pm
February 16 th	9am-5:30pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

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. Each class will meet for 45-50 minutes on Thursdays at the MYA Center and will be modeled after unique non-packaged children-focused teaching ideas. Children will explore and grow together while learning to express themselves through music. Each seven-week session costs \$100. The first session runs from Feb. 5 - March 19, and registration is open until Feb. 12. To register, please call MYA at (847) 926-9898 or stop by the office. Be sure to tell your friends about this unique opportunity!

MYA Early Childhood Program Needs:

- MYA needs an **autoharp** for its new Early Childhood Education Program. If anyone has an autoharp for sale or loan (or donation!), please let the MYA office know!
- If anyone has access to a **toy slide** and **foam mat**, also let the MYA office know!

This Week on WMYA.FM (www.wmya.fm)

Midwest Young Artists musicians perform **Max Raimi's Concertino for Flute, Strings and Harp** with Chicago Symphony Orchestra Principal Flute **Mathieu Dufour** on this week's WMYA episode. This performance was recorded live on November 23, 2008. Enjoy!

**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION****Volunteer Opportunities** – contact Gena genaandreasen@mya.org

- **Last Benefit Meeting** – This Saturday, January 10 at 11:30
- **Jazz in January** – Ticket may be purchased from Rob Shepard during Sunday rehearsals at Ravinia.
 - We need 2 people to sell tickets on January 25 at 4:15 at Gottlieb Hall, Merit School of Music
- **Reading Orchestra** needs someone to help Deborah Peirce organize the ensemble basket please contact Gena
- **Soiree - January 11 & 18.**
 - **Bakers** – Bring goodies to MYA by 2:00 on either Sunday
 - **Hostess** - The job entails setting out the baked goods and making it look nice
- **Chamber Competition** Sunday, March 1
 - If you are interested in volunteering on that day, please let Gena, Valerie Szotek mvszot@comcast.net, or Jennifer Leventhal jenn@sentineltravel.com know

Thank You's

Thank you to those who helped at Harris Theater: **Sandy Stoneham**(Nina/Chorale), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Sym/Choral), **Diane Naftzger**(Devon/Sym), **Cathy & Mike Taylor** (Natalie/Chorister), **Bruce Zhu**(Bridget/Chorister & Wilson/Reading) **Gary Guo**(Grace/Chorister), **Shirley Xie**(Katherine/Cad), **Judy Coman**(Adriana/Chorister), **Pam Owens Harmon** (Ellyn/Read & Aryn./VR/Cad)

Mary Jo Biersteker(Laura/Sym) and **Mark Adamczyk**(Rania/Prep/VR) scheduled and coordinated all of the volunteers for the Walgreens Concerto competition both this year and last year. **Edwin Chjm**(Letitia/Sym) recorded the performers on both days, and is painstakingly burning each performance onto a DVD for the contestants. **Alison Neumeister** (Eric/Cad), **Sheila Hanford**(James/Sym) & **Adina Salmansohn**(Ariel/Sym & Raphael/Prep) made breakfasts and lunches for the judges who were very grateful for the fantastic cuisine. The following people worked tirelessly to help make the competition run smoothly. **Laura Biersteker** /Sym, **Bev & Rania**/Prep/VR **Adamczyk**, **Lititia Chjm**/Sym, **Emely & Lizzy/Conc Jordan**, **Shwu-ing Chen**(Stephanie Doong/Sym & Justin Doong/Conc), **Tom & Sue Gaynor**(Natalie/Sym), **Rob Sax**(Josh Plotner/JazzO), **Helen Chen**(Wilson Zhu/Read), **Lin Xin**(Melanie Qing/Cad), **Wilma Samuels**(Joseph/Sym), **Matt, Valerie, Mike & Katie/Concert Szotek**, **Sheila Hanford**(James/Sym), **Kent, Teresa, Dan/Alum & Stephanie/BigB Bergren**, **Pam Owens Harmon** (Ellyn/Read & Aryn./VR/Cad), **Becky Lapp**(Jamie/Sym), **Ruth Pikler**(Amy/Sym) **Jenny Cohen**(Maya/Cad), **Elisabeth Owens/Alum**, **Hannah Andreasen/Sym**, **Sean Park/Park**, **Alyssa Schardt/Alum**, **Caroline Rothstein/Alum**, **Conor Donahue** (Prep). Thank you!

We had a wonderful baking contingent in December. Thank you to all of you for providing goodies during the concerto competition, as well as our regular concessions baking. **Marguerite Oines Krieg** (Nicholas/Prep), **Stephanie Joseph** (Courtney/VR), **Maureen Carson** (Daniel/Sym/BigB & Neil/HWindSym/BigB), **Nicole Diaz**(Kate/VR), **Karen Hicks**(Meredith/Conc), **Denise Graf**(Miki/Cad), **Mary Hillstrom**(George/Sym), **Sandy Stoneham**(Nina/Chorale), **Joan Daugherty**(Ian/Sym), **Christina Shi**(Michael Song/Conc), **Wilma Samuels**(Joseph/Sym), **Julia Chertok**(Lisa/Sym), **Kelly Fojtik**(Evan/Sym), **Amy Aciri**(Emily/Sym), **Diane Thoms**(Billy/Sym), **Renee Hochberg**(Jared/JazzE), **Joyce Stenzel**(Rachel/Conc), **Lisabeth McQuaid** (Carissa/Prep), **Una McGeough**(Aidan Perreault/Prep), **Kristen Michelotti**(Camille/Conc), **Valerie Szotek**(Kathleen/Conc), **Linda Britton**(Charlie Burnett/JazzE), **Jenny Cohen**(Maya/Cad), **Jackie Clawson**(Elizabeth/Sym), **Adina Salmansohn**(Ariel/Sym & Raphael/Prep)

Concessions are provided to everyone on Saturday thanks to **Liz Leman**(Jason/Conc & Abby/Cad), **Maki Wiering**(Anatole/Conc & Stella/Chorale), **Roland Jacobs**(Audrey/Cad), **Thomas & Nancy Clarke**(Natalie/Cad), **Nancy Martens**(Shawn/Sym), **Marjorie McKee**(Kristen/Sym), **Marcia Rovani**(Christine/Sym/Choral), **Dave Kalensky** (Nuala/Read & Fiona /Cad). A big thank you to **Rhona Reagan**/Chamber Coach, who picks up our Bagels bright and early every Saturday morning!

Cathy Popp(Zach/Sym), **Kathy Pappas**(Ian/Conc), **Carol Mavrakis**(Theo/Conc), **Pam Owens Harmon** (Ellyn/Read, Aryn/Cadet/VR), **Marcia Rovani** (Christine/Sym/Chorale) continue to work on the benefit including working on sending out the invitations. We continue to sell raffle tickets for the Benefit thanks to **Gayle Gottfried** (Gabrielle/Prep), **Carol & Theo Mavrakis/Conc**, **Pam Owens & Ellyn/Read Harmon** (Aryn./VR/Cad), **Maria/Read and Sophia Hodson**, **Gena Andreasen**(Hannah/Sym/Chorale). If you haven't bought a ticket yet, be sure to!

Deborah Peirce(Morgan/Read), **Susan Ratzer**(Rebecca/Cad), **Brenda Smail**(Megan Letkeman/Prep), **Janet Hersh**(Ellie/Con), **Nada Fuleihan**(Dalia/Conc), **Nancy Martens**(Shawn/Sym), **Tracy Gordon**(Amanda/VR & Zoe/Choris), **Robin O'Connor**(Rosie/Chorale), **Maureen Carson**(Daniel/Sym/BigB & Neil/HWindSym/BigB), **Kellie Klein**(Jordan/JazzE), thankfully, are all working on the Ensemble

Baskets, so if you get an email or letter from them, please contribute to your ensembles basket. **Margaret Stuhr**(Andy Quinn/BigB) put together a family basket for the auction

Thank you to **Mary Long**(Ethan/Choristers) who was a soiree hostess one Sunday afternoon. **Jo Beckwith** (David/JazzE) maintains our holiday spirit with the wonderful decorations in the lobby. **Don Tunkl** (Aliza/Alum) ensures that our building is in tip top shape from the floors, to the ceiling, to the doors, to the aquarium. Thank You! **Conor Donahue**/Prep does a fantastic job helping around MYA whatever the task he is willing to help. He stays on top of recycling our papers on a regular basis. On Saturdays you can see him helping in the office. On school holidays he also comes to MYA to pitch in. Thank you to all who have helped deliver our spirit wear items including **Cheri Stewart** (Sam/Sym), **Gail Rago** (Carina/JazzO), **Ann Mohn** (Sammy/VR, Libby/VR), **Heidi Locker-Scheer** (Tiffany/VR)

We are so appreciative of all the parents who took time out of the busy holiday season to chaperone for the Welcome Yule concerts: **Pam Milligan**(Allison/Prep/VR & Elyce/Prep/VR), **Patricia Winter**(Monica /VR), **Chris Martin**(Meg/VR), **Nicole Diaz**(Kate/VR), **Michael Alonzi**(Colleen/VR), **Catherine Cotter**(Colleen/VR), **Eric Chapman**(Raphael/VR/ & Ariel/Sym), **Pamela Papillon**(Julia/VR), **Mary Claire Sparrow**(Lindy/VR), **Pam Owens-Harmon**(Aryn/VR/Cad & Ellyn/Read), **Heidi & Bruce Locker-Scheer** (Tiffany/VR), **Karen Ouimet & Mark Rasmussen**(Clare Rasmussen/VR), **Maria Ortega**(Steve/VR & Anabel/VR), **Bev & Mark Adamczyk**(Rania/Prep/VR), **Carol Killeen**(Katherine/VR), **Mary Cavanaugh**(Maddie/VR), **Tracy Gordon**(Zoe/Chor & Amanda/VR), **Sue Cohn**(Stephanie/VR), **Carol Fry**, **Mary & Doug Brown**(Maudie/VR), **Bobbi Goldman**(Jarett/VR), **JoAnne Trimpe**(Jack /VR), **Melanie Turenne**(Madeleine/VR), **Marie Fraser**(Danielle/VR), **Peggy Cornog**(Bailey/VR), **Katie Feldheim**(Colleen/VR and Brigit/VR), **Herb Munsterman**(Shelby/VR), **Mercedes Caruso**(Brittany/VR), **Jill Mirkovic**(Erin/VR), **Stephanie Joseph**(Courtney /VR), **Christine Hultman**(Ryan/VR), **Liz Cucco**(Grace/VR), **Tanya Hussey**(Charles/VR), **Susie Klein**(Kate/VR & Maggie/VR), **Tracey Smith**(Lindsay/VR) Thank you!

Thanks to **Tammy & Greg Lathan**(Megan/Sym), **Ruth Pikler**(Amy/Sym), **Dan Dahlke**(Alyssa/Sym), **Charlie Mattenson**(Sam/Sym), **Tom Gaynor**(Natalie/Sym) Symphony seating auditions are complete for the spring semester

Pam Owens Harmon (Ellyn/Read & Aryn./VR/Cad), **Ken Michaels** (Kayla/Prep), **Bettina Swanson** (Harrison/Prep), **Valerie Szotek** (Katie/Conc), **Kellie Klein** (Jordan/JazzE), **Cathy Popp** (Zach/Sym), **Don Tunkl** (Aliza/Alum), **Mary Jo Biersteker** (Laura/Sym), **Charley Mattenson** (Sam/Sym), **Carol Mavrakis** (Theodore/Conc), **Kathy Pappas** (Ian/Conc), **Tina Johnson** (Nina/Sym & Stephen/Prep), **Mary Anne Donahue** (Conor/Prep, Mary Rose/Cad, Kevin/Reading& Grace/Reading), **Gayle Gottfried** (Gabrielle/Prep), **Mary Syc** (Katie/Chorale) attended the PVO Meeting to help plan for the Concerto Competition and the December 20th Harris Theater Concert!

MYA BENEFIT

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

- Please drop off your items or \$\$\$ for your Ensemble Baskets in the office. Please put your name on it, and mark it for whichever ensemble you are in.
- Sell Raffle tickets and win an iTunes card. Pick up your packet of tickets in the office.

Did You Know...

that Invitations are being sent out this week?

Benefit Meeting - THIS SATURDAY at 11:30am at MYA!

Ask in the office for room location.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS LISTING

Contact Derek Handley (derekhandley@mya.org) if you know of an upcoming school event that is not listed below!

- 1/10, 3:00pm, North Shore Honor Band, North Shore Honor Band Concert, Highland Park High School, Highland Park, Auditorium
- 1/13, 7:00pm, Jazz Ensembles, Jazz Concert, Mundelein High School, Mundelein
- 1/15, 7:30pm, All Bands, Winter Band Concert, Glenbrook South High School, Glenview, 4000 W. Lake, Glenview, IL
- 1/17, All Day, Jr. High Band Orchestra, Solo & Ensemble Contest, Mundelein High School, Mundelein
- 1/18, All Day, Jazz Bands, BHS & BMS Jazz Festival, Barrington High School, Barrington
- 1/21, 7:30pm, Jazz Band, Jazz Concert, Libertyville High School, Libertyville, Auditorium
- 1/24, All Day, Jazz Bands, GBS Jazz Festival, Glenbrook South High School, Glenview, 4000 W. Lake, Glenview, IL
- 1/24, Jazz Bands, Purdue Jazz Festival, Mundelein High School, Mundelein
- 1/26, 7:30pm, Jazz Bands, 26th Annual Jazz Concert, New Trier High School, W Gaffney Auditorium
- 1/26 & 1/27, All Day, Purdue Jazz Festival, Purdue Jazz Festival, Rolling Meadows High School, Rolling Meadows
- 1/28-1/31, IMEA All State Music Festival
- 2/7-2/9, 7:30pm, Choir, Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Variety Show, Glenbrook North High School, Northbrook
- 2/12, 7:00pm, Band and Chorus Concert (combined), Woodlawn Middle School, Long Grove
- 2/21, 7:30pm, All Bands, Band Concert, Glenbrook North High School, Northbrook
- 2/26, 7:30pm, Sr. High Bands, Band Concert, Vernon Hills High School, Vernon Hills
- 3/8, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, Select Students - Choir & Sinfonetta, Techny Festival, Glenbrook North & Glenbrook South High Schools, Northbrook, Glenview, Techny
- 3/14-3/16, 7:00pm, Various, Talent Show, Lake Forest High School
- 3/25, 7:30pm, Sr. High Orchestra, Orchestra Concert, Vernon Hills High School, Vernon Hills
- 3/25, 7:30pm, Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra - GBN & GBS, GSO Spring Concert, Glenbrook North & Glenbrook South High Schools, Northbrook, Glenview, GBN - Sheely Center for Performing Arts