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Message from Dr. D

For those who are unaware, Nic Meyer (Jazz Director at MYA) had his MacBook Pro laptop at the big band rehearsals on February 8 of this year and it was taken. It disappeared sometime after 4:30 because he used it in the Jazz Orchestra rehearsal and he left the North Rehearsal Room to teach Theory in the Kimmee Theory Room. When he returned it was gone. We hoped it would turn up but now, a month later, it has not and we are hoping someone will help Nic find the computer. If you have seen the laptop, saw anything that day or know anything about it now, please let us know. We only want the computer back and will accept it with no questions asked. I must add that this is very distressing to me (Dr. D) as I have always considered all our students and their families as members of my extended family. I feel very bad for both Nic as well as for whoever knows where the computer is now. It must be weighing heavily on someone and I hope they will take the steps to set it right. I am hoping and praying that it will turn up soon.

Sincerely,
Dr D

FEATURED NEWS

Instrument Classes - SATURDAY!

Viola Class w/ Rami Solomonow

8:00-9:45am

North Rehearsal Hall

Please bring your parts to the Brandenburg Concerto. Mr Solomonow wants to get it ready for a performance at the May 17th Family Fun and Music Festival. How cool it will all sound if you all learn your parts and rehearse during the remaining viola classes! There is also room for another soloist this week. If you have something ready, please email Mrs D at mya@mya.org.

Bass Class w/ Michael Cameron (University of Illinois)

8:15-9:15am

South Rehearsal Hall

Shooting Stars: Part 2

THIS SUNDAY, March 8 at 6:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 516 Church St., Evanston

Rehearsal Schedule

THIS SATURDAY 2:00-3:00pm (@ MYA)

THIS SUNDAY 2:00-3:30pm - New Music Dress (@ FUMC)

3:30-5:00pm - Early Music Dress (@ FUMC)

Tickets are still available and will be sold at the door.

Tickets are \$20-35 for Adults and \$10-15 for Students and Seniors. MYA students can go for FREE!

PROGRAM INFORMATION



Please check LOST & FOUND items in the Lobby for missing jackets, text books and much more!

ORCHESTRA

Shortened Symphony Rehearsal

THIS SATURDAY 12:00-1:20pm

JAZZ

Rehearsals @ Ravinia on Sunday!

Spring Break!

Spring Break is coming! We will not have combo rehearsals on Tuesday, March 24 or Thursday, March 26. Additionally, there will not be Jazz rehearsals on Sunday, March 29.

CHORAL

Voices Rising

- NO BLUE MUSICIANSHIP
- 4:30-6:30 - Full Group Rehearsal
- 7:00 - Purple Musicianship

CHAMBER

MARCH Performance Opportunities!
Soirees

 Sunday, March 15th, 2:00pm

Master Classes
Ethan Bensdorf, 2nd Trumpet, New York Philharmonic - **Tuesday, March 10th at 5:00pm**
John Bruce Yeh, Acting Principal Clarinet, Chicago Symphony Orchestra - **Sunday, March 15th at 11:00am**
Barbara Butler, Professor of Trumpet, Northwestern University - **Saturday, March 21st at 3:00pm**
Cyrus Forough, Professor of Violin, Roosevelt University and Carnegie Melon University - **Sunday, March 22nd at 11:00am**

 Coaches - Please fill out a *Chamber Music Performances Sign-Up Form* in the office!

HONORS WIND SYMPHONY

Guest Conductor

Due to certain health issues, Mr. John Thomson will not be conducting the Honors Wind Symphony for the remainder of the semester. We wish him the best and hope for him to join us again for the fall semester. Gladly, we have a very capable replacement for the upcoming concert. **Mr. Tom Beckwith** was the Director of Bands at Warren Township High School in Gurnee, IL from 1977 to 2007 and currently teaches part time with Hersey High School Bands (Arlington Heights, IL) and Northern Illinois University Music Education Department.

 Welcome, Mr. Beckwith!

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Week on 

We're featuring live footage from the recent MYA jazz concert at Anne and Howard Gottlieb Hall in Chicago at the Merit School of Music - this week, the jazz combo performances. Guest artist Orbert Davis is featured playing trumpet with this ensemble, which is a real treat! This concert was recorded live on January 25, 2009 by Ed Ingold, and you can learn more about all the various MYA jazz programs at www.mya.org/programs/jazz. Enjoy!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

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

- **Early Music Concert – March 8 at 6:00** (1st United Methodist Church in Evanston)
 - Ticket sales half hour before the concert
 - **Bakers** After tasting all the wonderful goodies at last weeks concerts, we have decided to put together a dessert recipe book for the Fun Fest. We are looking for your favorite dessert recipes. Please email your recipes to Gena andreasen@mya.org
 - **Benefit Debriefing at 12:00**
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Thank You's

Thank you so much to our Benefit co-chairs **Cathy Popp** (Zach/Sym), **Kathy Pappas** (Ian/Conc/Sym), and our Corporate Sponsorship co-chairs **Carol Mavrakis** (Theo/Conc) and **David & Daryl Nelms** (Stephen/PercussionE) for all of their work and dedication to make the Starry Night a wonderful success. The hours they volunteered must be close to 1,000! We appreciate every second of it! Our gratitude continues to a long list of people who worked tirelessly toward the success of this evening. Our auction committee **Cynthia Funai** (Heather/Sym), **Bettina Swanson** (Harrison/Prep), **Melanie Turenne** (Marc/Cad & Madeleine/VR), **Mark Adamczyk** (Rainia/Prep/VR), **Carol Killeen** (Katherine/VR) kept track of all of the wonderful donations that everyone contributed. Our thanks goes out to **Mary Syc** (Katie/Chorale) who organized all of the Ensemble basket as well as all of the ensemble coordinators, **Janet Hersh** (Ellie/Concert), **Nada Fuleihan** (Dalia/Concert), **Pam Owens-Harmon** (Aryn/Cadet and Voices Rising and Ellyn/Reading), **Jody Simmons** (Marrissa/Conc/Chorale), **Natalie Jacobsen** (Elisabeth/Sym & Jessica/Chorale), **Deborah Peirce** (Morgan/Read), **Sue Ratzer** (Rebecca/Cad), **Brenda Smail** (Megan Letkeman/Prep), **Nancy Martens** (Shawn/Sym), **Robin O'Connor** (Rosie/Chorale), **Maureen Carson** (Neil/BigB/HWind & Dan/Sym/BigB), **Carol Mavrakis** (Theo/Conc), **Kellie Klein** (Jordan/JazzE). **Pam Roble** (Jacob/Concert) acquired the wine for the evening, and worked on getting a private label for a selection of special wine. **Lynn Yura** (Lauren Sandoval/Sym) did our calligraphy. **Anne Feeney** (Ian/Jazz Orchestra) created the center pieces as well as orchestrating the auction lay out. **Pam Owens Harmon** (Ellyn/Reading and Aryn/Cadet and Voices Rising), **Mary Syc** (Katie/Chorale), **Carol Killeen** (Katherine/Voices Rising), **Christel Schmidt** (Christian/Symphony and Honors Wind Symphony) **Mary Baukert** (Hannah/Concert), assisted in moving all of the auction items from MYA to the Exmoor, and/or helped with set up. **Pam Owens Harmon** (Ellyn/Read & Aryn/Cadet/VR) supervised the evening over all including check-in, raffle sales, and auction check-out. She was helped by **Estelle Pappas** (Ian/Conc) and her friend **Veronica, Joy Piao** (Chris Gao/Prep/Conc) who did check in. **Emil Baukert** (Hannah/Conc), **Fanny Clonch** (Tristan/Prep), **Bobbi Goldman** (Jarrett/VR), **Marietta Stevens** (Kevin/Big Band), **Wendy Koch** (Hayley/Chorale) assisted all night long with the auction **Donna Schardt** (Alyssa/Alum) helped with auction check-out and accounting. **Hannah Andreasen** (Sym and Chorale), **Blair Goldman**, **Hayley Koch** (Chorale), **Christian Schmidt** (Sym/HWind), **Marissa Simmons** (Conc/Chorale), **Meridith Stauber** (Concert/H Wind/Chorale) sold raffle tickets and delivered winning bids. **Gena Andreasen** (Hannah/Sym and Chorale), **Stephen Fatum** (John/Alum and Michael/Alum) were the live auctioneers. Melanie Makoski, Elliot Lichtenberg, **Carol Mavrakis** (Theo/Conc) performed the Herculean task of coordinating all of the musicians making sure they were able to attend and feeding them Giordano's Pizza. **Will Biby & Marcia Rovani** (Christine/Sym/Chorale) supervised the musicians, and we thank all those musicians who contributed to the beautiful music **Gordon Krauspe**, **Matt Gemmill**, **Theodore Mavrakis**, **Monet Lee**, **Rachel Stenzel**, **David Berghoff**, **Christopher Gao**, **Evan Fojtik**, **Sam Mattenson**, **Ian Daugherty**, **Joshua Sechan**, **Zachary Popp**, **Cara Schlecker**, **Cristina Meehan**, **Sarah Greene**, **Caitlyn Trevor**, **Amy Pikler**, **Evan Fojtik**, **Christopher Owen**, **Billy Thoms**, **Kyle Niccosi**, **Jesse Clevenger**, **Michael Solotke**, **Nathan Peppy**, **Kevin Hu**, **Stanley Moore**, **Brian Chang**, **Jake Shapiro**, **Shane Simpson**, **Hannah Andreasen**, **Mary Clare Becks**, **Ashley deVilla**, **William DuPont**, **Emily Gray**, **Tim He**, **Xinyu He**, **Hayley Koch**, **Rebecca Kraft**, **Alex Kroger**, **Robby Mack**, **Shelby Munsterman**, **Carleigh Obrochta**, **Josh Poucher**, **Gabrielle Rodriguez**, **Christine Rovani**, **Stephanie Shebesta**, **Marissa Simmons**, **Meridith Stauber**, **Nina Stoneham**, **Katie Syc**, **Stella Wiering**, **Gracie Williams** **David Reiff**, **Josh Plotner**, **Andy Quinn**, **Ben Solomon**, **Tom Berg**, **Jason Deran**, **Kyle Licocci**, **Nikolas Kaplan**, **Stephanie Bergren**, **Brandon McQuaid**, **Kevin Stevens**, **Robert Sameh**, **Casey Klint**, **Zach Moore**, **Bryan Jarett**.

Valerie Szotek(Katie) and **Jennifer Leventhal**(Eric/JazzO) deserve a huge thank you for scheduling and coordinating all of the volunteers for the volunteers for the Chicago Chamber Competition. **Ed Ingold** Volunteered all day recording the chamber competition. **Mike Szotek, Katie Szotek/Conc, Eric Leventhal/JazzO, Jackie Clawson(Liz/Sym, Elke Friedman(Adler/JazzO), Becky Leff(Jamie/Sym), Jonas Tarm/Sym, Maureen Goldin(Nathan/Prep), Tammy Lathan(Megan/Sym), Adina Salmonsohn(Ariel Chapman/Sym & Raphael/Prep/VR), Conor Donahue/Prep,**

Thank you to **Caroline Pugliese**(Lauren/Cad) who contacted her Adopt a School teachers. Please fill out the volunteer log and give yourself credit for the time you have put in.

Thank you **Pam Owens-Harmon** (Aryn/Cadet and Voices Rising and Ellyn/Reading) **Ken Michaels** (Kayla/Prep), **Bettina Swanson** (Harrison/Prep), **Valerie Szotek** (Katie/Conc), **Wendy Koch**(Hayley/Chorale), **Cathy Popp** (Zach/Sym), **Melonie Turenne**(Madelein/VR & Marc/Cad), **Mary Jo Biersteker** (Laura/Sym), **Carol Mavrikis** (Theodore/Conc), **Kathy Pappas** (Ian/Conc), **Mary Anne Donahue** (Conor/Prep, Mary Rose/Cad, Kevin/Reading& Grace/Reading) for attending the PVO meeting and helping with the organization.

Thank you everyone who helped at the Pick-Staiger concerts. **Lali & Ian Watt** (Rian/Sym, Dale/Conc, Liah/Conc/VR), **Maureen Goldin**(Nathan/Prep), **Wendy Tumminello**(Darius/JazzO), **Nina Simpson**(Shane/BigB), **Carol McCardell** (Ben Solomon/BigB), **Dai Zhai** (Joe/Conc & Joyce/Sym), **Valerie & Michael Szotek**(Katie/Sym), **Donna Schardt**(Alyssa/Alum), **Maria Ortega** (Anabel/VR & Steve/VR), **Pam Mendelson**(Jenna/Conc), **Sue Johnson**(Mark/Cad), **Reid Wellensiek** (Peter Sparks/Read), **Julie Serenbetz**(Kenan/BigB), **Mary Stauber** (Meridith/Conc/Chorale), **Al Chou**(Audrey/Conc), **Marcia Rovani** (Christine/Symphony and Chorale), **Pam Owens Harmon** (Ellyn/Read & Aryn/Cadet/VR), **Reid Wellensiek**(Peter Sparks/Read), **Susan Chang**(Victoria Tu/Conc & Stella/Sym), **Rita Tonino**(Francesca Fridman/VR), **Jim Serenbetz**(Kenan/JazzO), **Shirlie Ji**(Anna/Sym & Amanda/Sym), **Bill Cao** (Henry/Prep), **Ellen Distelheim**(Isabel Tannenbaum/Cad), **Arlene Haas** (Noah Silverman/Prep & Ben/Cadet), **Nicole Carson**(Elory Longdon/Cad), **Bev and Mark Adamczyk** (Rania/Cad), **Monika Makoski** (Melanie/Concert), **Jody Simmons** (Marissa/Concert and Chorale), **Jeff Farbman** (Sarah/Concert and Max/Prep), **Derek Brand** (Cordelia/Concert), **Liz Leman** (Jason/Concert and Abby/Cadet), **Michelle Sweeney** (Prep), **Carrie Sweeney** (Matthew/Concert and Michelle/Prep), **Emil Baukert** (Hannah/Concert), **Annette Berkey** (Daniel/Jazz Ensemble) helped stuff programs at Pick Staiger

Our concessions volunteers include **Liz Leman**(Abby/Cad & Jason/Conc), **Joy Piao**(Chris Gao/Con), **Susan Chang Tu** (Victoria/Prep), **Vicky Modilevsky** (Elan/Prep), **Steve Yadanza**(Emily/Prep), **Laura & Katie Wells**(Erin/Sym), **Alain Turenne**(Madelein/VR & Marc/Cad), **Lynn Yura**(Lauren Sandoval/Sym) **Lynn Clafford** (Stephanie/Sym & Julia/Conc), **Leslie Swenson**(Reid/Sym) **Joan Matthews**(Lauren/Sym) thank you!

We have many bakers to thank this month. We had an overwhelming response to baking for our Pick Staiger concert. Thank you to all of you who provided goodies for concessions. **Conor Donahue** (Prep), **Sue Ratzer** (Rebecca/Cadet), **Peggy Cornog** (Bailey/Voices Rising), **Nicole Diaz** (Kate/Voices Rising), **Ann Mohn** (Libby/Voices Rising and Samantha/Voices Rising), **Rita Tonino** (Francesca Fridman/Voices Rising), **Judy Yost** (Suzanne/Voices Rising), **Marguerite Krieg** (Nicholas/Prep), **Phyllis King** (Matthew/Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Combo), **Judy Bundra** (Sarah/Prep), **Lisabeth McQuaid** (Crissa/Prep), **Laura Vancil** (Alexandra/Prep), **Katie Feldhiem** (Brigit/Voices Rising and Colleen/Voices Rising), **Maria Ortega** (Anabel/Voices Rising and Steve/Voices Rising), **Maureen Goldin** (Nathan/Prep), **Reid Wellensiek** (Peter Sparks/Read), **Liz Leman** (Jason/Concert and Abby/Cadet), **Carol McCardell** (Ben Solomon/BBand), **Sue Deran** (Jason/Big Band), **Natalie Jacobsen** (Elisabeth/Symphony and Jessica/Chorale), **Mary Syc** (Katie/Chorale), **Mary Stauber** (Meridith/Concert/HWind/Chorale), **Maureen Carson** (Daniel/Sym/BBand, and Neil/H Wind /BBand), **Robin O'Connor** (Rose/Chorale), **Terri Neil** (Carly/Concert and Erin/Cadet), **Julie McMahon** (Mollie/Conc), **Connie Obrochta** (Carleigh/Chorale and Sean/Read), **Wendy Koch** (Hayley/Chorale), **Sandy Stoneham** (Nina/Chorale), **Amy Acri** (Emily/Sym), **Maki Wiering** (Stella/Chorale and Anatole/Cadet), **Marjorie McKee** (Kristen/Symphony), **Renata Sliva** (Catherine/Symphony), **Beatriz Snow** (Alain/Sym), **Saras Te** (Ryan/Sym and Ronald/JazzE), **Shirlie Ji** (Anna Zhou/Sym & Amanda Zhou/Sym), **Kathy Berghoff** (Daniel/Sym and David/Concert), **Tom Sharp** (Andrew/Sym), **Christel Schmidt** (Christian/Sym and HWind), **Joyce Allen** (Stephanie/Sym), **Kelly Fojtik** (Evan/Sym), **Kathryn Thummel** (Connor/H Wind), **Joan Daugherty** (Ian/Sym), **Maureen Sechan** (Joshua/Sym and JazzE), **Pam Milligan** (Allison/Prep and Voices Rising and Elyce/Prep and VR), **Michelle Leuchtner** (Sophie/Read), **Sue Gaynor** (Natalie/Sym), **Stephanie Joseph** (Courtney/VR), **Renee Hochberg** (Jared/Jazz Ensemble), **Marcia Rovani** (Christine/Sym and Chorale), **Wendy Rood** (Miriam/Chorale), **Michael Garrett** (Sym), **Ann Greenstein** (Max Farbman/Prep & Sarah Farbman/Conc), **Cheri Stewart** (Sam/Sym), **Gracie Williams** (Chorale), **Pam Mendelson** (Jenna/Conc), **Al Chou** (Audrey/Conc), **Leslie Swenson**(Reid/Sym), **Karen Hicks**(Meredith/Conc), **Valerie & Michael Szotek**(Katie/Sym),

I apologize if I have missed anyone. Please be sure to fill out the volunteer log.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS LISTING

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

DATE	TIME	CONCERT TYPE	CONCERT	SCHOOL
3/5/09	7:30pm	Jazz Bands	Winter Jazz Concert	Mundelein High School
3/8/09	2:30pm, 5:00pm	Select Students - Choir & Sinfonetta	Techny Festival	Glenbrook North & Glenbrook South High Schools
3/12/09	7:00pm	Concert Bands	Spring Band Concert	Mundelein High School
3/14/09	6:30pm	Jazz Bands	Loyola Jazz Festival	Loyola Academy
3/14/09	8:00am-6:00pm	Jazz Bands	Mundelein Invitational Jazz Festival (Guest Artists - Mark Colby Quartet)	Mundelein High School
3/19/09	7:30pm	Bands & Orchestras	Band and Orchestra Concert	Lake Forest High School
3/25/09	7:00pm	Bands	Band Concert	Highland Park High School
3/25/09	7:30pm	Glenbrook Symphony Orchestra - GBN & GBS	GSO Spring Concert	Glenbrook North & Glenbrook South High Schools
3/25/09	7:30pm	Sr. High Orchestra	Orchestra concert	Vernon Hills High School
4/8/09		Symphony Orchestra	Orchestra Festival	Prospect High School
4/16/09	7:30pm	Choir	Choir concert	Vernon Hills High School
4/22/09	7:30pm	Chamber	Chamber Concert	Loyola Academy
4/29/09	6:30pm		Loyola Spring Music Festival	Loyola Academy
5/3/09	3:00pm	Bands	Spring Band Concert	Highland Park High School (at CBG)
5/6/09	3:30pm	Choral	Honors Voice Recital	Highland Park High School
5/9/09	5:00pm	Jazz Bands	Evening of Jazz	Mundelein High School
5/12/09	7:30pm	Orchestra & Band Concert	Orchestra & Band Concert	Glenbrook North High School
5/14/09	7:30pm	Orchestra & Choir	Orchestra & Master Singers Concert	Glenbrook South High School
5/19/09	7:00pm	Chamber Orchestra	Honors Night	Highland Park High School
5/19/09		Bands	Band Concert	Loyola Academy
5/19/09	7:30pm	Symphony Orchestra	Spring Concert	Prospect High School

5/19/09	8:00pm	Choir	Choir Cabaret Concert	Vernon Hills High School
5/20/09	7:00pm	Orchestras	Orchestra Spring Concert	Highland Park High School
5/21/09	8:00pm	Sr. High Band	Spring Band Concert	Vernon Hills High School
5/27/09	7:30pm	Sr. High Orchestra	Spring Orchestra Concert	Vernon Hills High School

KUDOS & B-DAYS!

Kudos to...

♪ **Schlagwerk 4** (Ben Paulson, Christian Schmidt, Michael Garrett and Ryan Logan) for winning the MYA Division in the Chicago Chamber Music Competition, and also to **Trio Coterie** (Kevin Hu, Stan Moore and Brian Chang) for winning the MYA Strings & Piano Category. Honorable Mentions were: **Fourté** (Josh Plotner, Maddy Low, Tim He and Ivan Arden), **Quadruple Entendre** (Amy Pikler, Ariel Chapman, Ben Solomonow, Chris Owen) and **Trio Bravo** (Jorie Butler-Geyer, James Stinehart, Hannah Kay).

Birthdays!

3/7, Madeleine Turenne, voice, Voices Rising
 3/7, Brittany Giacomo, violin, Prep
 3/8, Nicholas Baginski, violin, Cadet
 3/8, Emily Gray, voice, Chorale
 3/8, Julia Papillon, voice, Voices Rising
 3/10, Garrett Baldwin, violin, Concert
 3/10, Jentien Pan, cello, Symphony, Dennis, Mandy Sat 3 p.m. , Reagen Sat 3 p.m.
 3/11, Michael Song, cello, Concert, Fischer Sat 9 a.m.
 3/11, Monica Chen, violin, Concert, Reagen Sat 9 a.m.
 3/11, Robert Haynes, violin, Prep
 3/11, Alexandra Vancil, violin, Prep
 3/12, Patrick Kennedy, piano, Jazz Combo Thur 8
 3/13, Jake Shapiro, piano, Big Band, Jazz Combo Tue 8
 3/13, Joshua Hoffman, percussion, Jazz Combo Thur 6
 3/13, Soren Ramsey, viola, Concert, Shaffer Sat 1 p.m.
 3/13, Samantha Mohn, voice, Voices Rising

Notable Composer Birthdays:

3/7, Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)
 3/8, C.P.E Bach (1714-1788), Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000)
 3/9, Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
 3/11, Henry Cowell (1897-1965)