



Midwest Young Artists
inspiration through music

April 4 Edition

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MYA's Weekly News

FEATURED NEWS

VIOLA Class

This SATURDAY, April 4th, 8:00-9:45am
Taught by Mr. Solomonow

Master Class - Barbara Butler

This SATURDAY, April 4th, 3:00pm (Program on Concerts & Events page)
Barbara Butler, Trumpet Professor at Northwestern University, Chicago Chamber Musicians

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Grad Cards

SENIORS! You should have received a **GREEN** card in the mail recently that we would like you to fill out so we can put info in the programs for the April concerts. **If you are a senior and haven't received a card, see Derek in the MYA office!**

MYA Student Mentors Wanted!

Orchestra and Jazz students: If you can talk your parents into missing a half-day of school, here's an opportunity to mentor less-advanced young students by playing side-by-side with them - jazz bands at Northwood Junior High in Highland Park, and an orchestra of students from Wayne Thomas, Oak Terrace and Northwood Junior High. Email mya@mya.org if you are interested, and we'll send you a sign-up form and music. It would be nice if a whole string quartet or jazz combo could participate, but we will take up to 4 violins, 2 violas, 2 cellos and 1 bass, and for jazz band, up to 2 trumpets, 2 saxophones, a trombone, clarinet/flute and rhythm section. Here's the schedule:

Jazz Commitment:

Tuesday, April 21, 9:30-11:00am Side-by-Side rehearsal at Northwood Junior High
Thursday, April 23, 6:30pm Concert at School's Roots Festival
Piece: Victor Lopez's *Drama for Your Mama*

Orchestra Commitment:

Tuesday, April 28, 9:30-11:00am Side-by-Side rehearsal at Northwood Junior High with combined group from Oak Terrace and Wayne Thomas
Thursday, May 7, 6pm Rehearsal and Performance at Northwood Junior High
Piece: Puccini's *O Mio Babbino Caro*

ORCHESTRA

Sub for Mr. P!

On SATURDAY, we are excited to have **Karina Cannelakis** here to conduct **Cadet** and **Prep** Orchestras again. Ms. Cannelakis was here a couple of months ago as well. She will also be coaching Dr. D's chamber music groups.

JAZZ

Rehearsals @ Ravinia on Sunday

LAST JAM SESSION OF THE SEASON!

The last jam session of the year will be held at Ravinia this Sunday (April 5th) from 7:00-9:00pm. All Jazz students are strongly encouraged to attend!

Altered Schedule

- **NO THEORY 3**
- **Big Band 5:00-6:30**

REMINDER: NO Jazz Rehearsals NEXT WEEKEND (Sunday, April 12th) due to Easter!

CHORAL

Rehearsal Schedule - April 5th

Voices Rising

- **NO MUSICIANSHIP CLASSES**
- **4:30-6:45** - Full Group Rehearsal

Choristers and Chorale

Regular Rehearsals

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

CHAMBER

This Week in Chamber!

Master Classes

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Barbara Butler - Trumpet Professor, Northwestern University; Chicago Chamber Musicians

Soirees

→ This SUNDAY, April 5th at 2:00pm (Program on Concerts & Events page)

April Performance Opportunities:

April 18th at 3:00pm - Master Class w/ **Mathieu Dufour**, flute

April 20th at 4:30pm - Master Class w/ **She-e Wu**, percussion

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

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. 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. You can also check out a performance of the Tango Ballet by Astor Piazzolla, last week's WMYA.FM episode. This performance features Cara Shlecker and Cristina Meehan on violins, Sarah Greene on viola, and Caitlyn Trevor on cello. This was recorded live on March 8, 2009 at the Early and New Music Concert. Enjoy!

FREE Tickets - Sting with the CSO!

We have tickets (20) available for any students interested in seeing Sting with the CSO on **Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30pm at Symphony Center**. "Who's Sting?" you ask? Ask your parents, they'll tell you. First come, first serve! Limit 2 per person.

Open Rehearsal - Dudamel and SBYOV

On **Thursday, April 9** from 3:00-5:00pm, there will be an open rehearsal of the Simón Bolívar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela, lead by Gustavo Dudamel, at Symphony Center. If you are interested in attending, see Will Biby in the MYA office.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

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

It's that overwhelming time of year when people are so very busy. MYA still has several major events to go before we can ease on into the summer! We hope you are all able to leave a little time for MYA.

- **PVO meeting** April 11 at 11:30
- **Pick Staiger Concerts** April 25 & 26
 - Bakers needed
 - Truck loading and unloading
- **MYA Fun Fest** will require the largest number of volunteers for the year. Please contact Gena for first dibs volunteering on May 17. genaandreasen@mya.org
 - Auction Set up
 - Traffic/parking attendants
 - Games attendants
 - Stage hands
 - Building attendants
 - Bakers
 - Clean up

Thank You's

We had our final Benefit wrap up meeting. Thank you goes to the following people for their valuable feedback and creative ideas, **Cathy Popp** (Zach/Sym), **Kathy Pappas** (Ian/Conc), **Pam Owens Harmon** (Ellyn/Read & Aryn/Cadet & VR), **Bettina Swanson** (Harrison/Prep), **Mary Syc** (Katie/Chorale), **Carol Mavrakis** (Theodore/Conc & WindS), **Carol Killeen** (Katherine/VR), **Cynthia Funai** (Heather/Sym), **Donna Schardt** (Alyssa/Alum), **Gail Kiss** (MYA supporter), **Mark Adamczyk** (Rania/Prep).

Thank you everyone who attended the Fun Fest meeting. We are on our way to a successful day! **M.C. Chow** (Abigail/Prep), **Liz Leman** (Abby/Cadet and Jason/Conc), **Lin Xin** (Melanie Qing/Cad), **Qun Xie** (Katherine/Cad), **Lily Zhang** (Laura Gu/Cad), **Simon Hao** (Yiding/Sym), **Ellen Distelheim** (Isabel Tannenbaum/Cad), **Ian Watt** (Dale/Conc, Ryan/Sym, Liah/VR Conc & WindS), **Mary Stauber** (Meridith/Conc, WindS & Chorale), **Carol Mavrakis** (Theodore/Conc & WindS), **Ian Watt** (Dale/Conc, Ryan/Sym, Liah/VR, Conc & WindS), **Pam Owens Harmon** (Ellyn/Read & Aryn/Cadet & VR), **Simon Hao** (Yiding/Sym) fixed up the poster for the photo contest.

Pamela Milligan (Elyce/Prep and VR and Allison/Prep & VR), **Maureen Goldin** (Nathan/Prep), **Valerie Szotek** (Kathleen/Concert), **Karen Hicks** (Meridith/Conc), **Renee Hochberg** (Jared/JazzE), **Diane Thoms** (Johnny/Conc & Billy/Sym), **Kara Benson** (Paris Benson-Perez/Cad) graciously provided delicious baked goods for our Saturday concessions. **Steve Yadanza** (Emily/Prep), **Jennifer Li** (Shannon He/Conc), **Prisca Cao** (Shelby Liu/Read), **Rosann Park-Jones** (Carrie/Conc & Sym, Emily/Conc & Sym, Rachel/VR), **Susan Chang** (Stella/Sym & Victoria/Prep), **Katie Wells** (Sister of Erin), **Laura Wells** (Erin/Symphony), **Joy Piao** (Chris Gao/Prep/Conc), **Mary Baukert** (Hannah/Conc), **Dave Kullander** (Clayton/Conc), **Teri & David Ashcraft** (Katie/Conc), **Tom & Donna Chmielinski** (Daniel/Sym & Rachel/Prep), **Lynne Yura** (Sauren Sandoval/Sym), **Liz Leman** (Abby/Cad & Jason/Conc), **Judi Lewis** (Marion/Conc), **MC Chow** (Abigail/Prep), **Amitava Das** (Arighno/Prep), helped with concessions **Don Tunkl** (Aliza/Alum) continues as the ultimate handyman, aquamaster and building hero, thank you! **Conor Donahue** (Prep) has been recycling all of our office paper all year long. Thank you, **Ian Watt** (Dale/Conc, Ryan/Sym, Liah/VR, Conc & WindS) for helping us ensure seating auditions work properly. **Mark MacIntosh** (Nate/Prep) moved the porch furniture outside, hopefully the weather will allow us to enjoy it soon!

Thank you everyone who delivered flyers to their school music teachers. **Caroline Pugliese** (Lauren/Cad), **Mary Jo Biersteker**(Laura/Sym), **Lynn Clafford**(Stephanie/Sym & Julia/Conc), **Kelly Fojtik**(Evan/Sym), **Joan Garner**(Callie/Prep), **Gayle Gottfried**(Gabriella/Cad), **Steve Hoffmeyer**(Alex/Sym), **Martha Blount**(Caroline/Prep), **Monika Makoski**(Melanie/Conc), **Carol Mavrakis** (Theodore/Conc & WindS), **Sue Meehan**(Sean/JazzO), **Caroline Pugliese**(Lauren/Cad), **Jan Quigley**(Kristin/Sym), **Gena Andreassen**(Hannah/Sym), **Robin Plotner-Sax**(Josh/JazzO), **Gabriela Smith**(Amanda/Chorale), **Carrie Sweeney**(Michelle/Prep & Matt/Conc), **Emely Rodriguez**(Lizzy Jordan/Conc), **Joy Piao**(Chris Gao/Prep/Conc) helped out in the office preparing the adopt a school information.

Wish List!

Miniature Young Artists program

- Carpets
- Gym mats
- Acoustic guitar
- Children's books - preferably pertaining to music
- Puppets

F U N F E S T

MYA Family Fun & Music Festival

Sunday, May 17th, 12:00 - 7:00pm at the MYA Center!

PHOTO CONTEST!

Submit your best photos to the first annual MYA Photo Contest by May 10. Entries will be judged by Diane Hamilton Photography. See Photo contest flyer for more information!

- Grand Prize: \$500 gift card to Diane Hamilton Photography
 - 10 raffle tickets for the MYA Fun Fest
 - The winning photo printed in the 2009 2010 Program book.
- 2nd Place: 8" Sony Digital Picture Frame
 - 5 Raffle tickets for the MYA Fun Fest
 - The winning photo printed in the 2009 2010 Program book.
- 3rd Place: 6 tickets to MYA Holiday Concert at Harris Theater, December 19
 - The winning photo printed in the 2009 2010 Program book.
- People's Choice Award: \$50 Gift card to Giordano's Pizza
 - The winning photo printed in the 2009 2010 Program book.

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
4/3/09	7:30pm	Jazz Bands	Spring Jazz Ensembles Concert	New Trier High School
4/8/09		Symphony Orchestra	Orchestra Festival	Prospect High School
4/16/09	7:30pm	Choir	Choir concert	Vernon Hills High School
4/17/09	7:30pm	Symphony Orchestra	Symphony Orchestra Concert	New Trier High School
4/20/09	7:30pm	Orchestras	Spring Orchestra Concert	Stevenson High School
4/22/09	7:30pm	Orchestras	Orchestras Concert	New Trier High School
4/22/09	7:30pm	Chamber	Chamber Concert	Loyola Academy
4/24/09	7:00pm	Jazz Bands	Jazz and Swing Night	Highland Park High School
4/29/09	6:30pm		Loyola Spring Music Festival	Loyola Academy
4/30/09	7:30pm	Wind Ensembles/Choir	Wind Ensembles/Concert Choir Concert	New Trier High School
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
5/22/09	7:30pm		Spring Music Festival	New Trier High School
5/27/09	7:30pm	Sr. High Orchestra	Spring Orchestra Concert	Vernon Hills High School

KUDOS & B-DAYS!

Kudos to...

Trio Coterie (Kevin Hu, violin; Stan Moore, cello; Brian Chang, piano) for being accepted to participate in the Fischhoff National Chamber Competition!

I'Solisti members (Jorie Butler-Geyer, DeLaney Harter, Jennifer Meyer, Josey Mintel, Devon Naftzger and Amy Pikler, violins, Ariel Chapman and Sarah Greene, violas, Stan Moore and James Stinehart, cellos, and Dr. D on bass!) on their fabulous solos and performance in their recent concerts in schools and at the MYA Center. Thank you to Charlie Pikler for his wonderful artistic direction!

Birthdays!

4/4, Kevin Golden, trumpet, Symphony, Big Band, Daugherty Sat 10 a.m.

4/4, Lily An, voice, Nelson Vocal Chamber

4/4, Abigail Chow, oboe, Prep

4/6, Ben Solomon, tenor sax, Big Band, Jazz Combo Thur 8

4/6, Melanie Makoski, flute, Concert, Bensdorf Frisch Sat 2:30 p.m.

4/6, Lauren Dana, cello, Reading

4/6, Helen Youn, oboe, Cadet

4/7, Lauren Ricciardi, flute, Symphony, Bensdorf Frisch Tue 7:30 p.m.

4/7, Alexander Peterson, violin, Concert, Reagen Sat 12 p.m.

4/8, Benjamin Paulson, percussion, Barnes Wed 6 p.m.

4/8, Emily Hines, violin, Concert, Dennis, Mandy Sat 12 p.m.

4/9, Nadia Barbieri, voice, Miniature Young Artists

4/9, Daniel Pritchard, violin, Concert, Shaffer Sat 9 a.m.

4/9, Annika Peterson, flute, Reading

4/10, Jarrett Goldman, voice, Voices Rising

Notable Composer/Artist Birthdays:

4/6, Andre Previn (b.1920)

4/7, Billie Holiday (1915-1959)

4/11, Alberto Ginastera (1916-1983)