

Midwest Young Artists



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Midwest Young Artists Announces Walgreens (Inter)National Concerto Competition Winners

HIGHWOOD, Ill. – Four young musicians won the top prize at Midwest Young Artists' (MYA) 13th Annual Walgreens Concerto Competition, which took place on December 28 and 29 at the MYA Center in Ft. Sheridan (878 Lyster Road, Highwood, Ill.).

A total of 193 young musicians (including students from as far away as Los Altos, Calif., and Halifax, Nova Scotia) competed for more than \$10,000 in scholarships and cash prizes. The MYA Division and the Open Division were divided into the Junior level – for students up to 8th grade – and the Senior level – for 9th through 12th graders.

13th Annual Walgreens Concerto Competition Winners

MYA Division:

Junior Level Overall Winner: **Emily Jones**, violin, 8th grade, Winnetka, student of Desiree Ruhstrat

Senior Level Overall Winner: **Tylee Lin**, violin, 11th grade, Lake Forest, student of Gerardo Ribeiro

Open Division:

Junior Level Overall Winner: **Johannes Gray**, cello, 6th grade, Wilmette, student of Gilda Barston and Hans Jensen

Senior Level Overall Winner: **Emma Bobbs**, cello, 12th grade, Pepper Pike, Ohio, student of Melissa Kraut

Emily Jones, Tylee Lin and Johannes Gray will perform with the MYA orchestra on **Sunday, February 22, 2009, at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall** (50 Arts Circle Drive, Northwestern University, Evanston).

Tylee Lin, the MYA Senior Level Overall Winner, will have the opportunity to perform on NPR's *From the Top* radio program.

For more information about MYA, please visit www.mya.org or call (847) 926-9898.

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Midwest Young Artists is one of the leading youth music ensemble programs in the Midwest and represents some of the best young musicians in the country. The program offers exceptional training in jazz, choral, chamber music and orchestral instruction. Midwest Young Artists was founded in 1993. MYA currently reaches more than 600 students from 74 communities in the metropolitan Chicago area, with students ranging in age from 2nd through 12th grades. MYA has five youth orchestras, more than 60 chamber music ensembles, three choral groups, an all-inclusive jazz program, and classes in music theory and history. Students have the opportunity to travel abroad and to perform in major venues throughout Chicago and around the world. Leading the nation in chamber music instruction, MYA graduates are accepted at the most selective conservatories, universities and colleges in the country.

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