



## Press Release

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**"Magical Dreams: A Family Holiday Concert"**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Concert at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance**  
**½ of all Proceeds Benefits the Autism Society of Illinois**

**WHAT:** On **Saturday, December 15, 2007, at 1:00 & 4:00 PM**, award winning Midwest Young Artists (MYA) is celebrating the holiday season with two, one hour performances, featuring selections by Handel and Tchaikovsky, along with other holiday favorites. The one hour concerts have received glowing reviews for their fun and engaging appeal to people of all ages. Recognizing that the Autism Society of Illinois is in financial need, MYA will be donating ½ of all proceeds after covering the initial costs for the concerts. The performances showcase MYA's top orchestra, big band and choral ensembles with Dr. Allan Dennis (founder & director) as master of ceremonies. Performances are at the **Harris Theater for Music and Dance** in Chicago's Millennium Park. **Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors** and may be purchased at the Harris Theater box office by calling 312-334-7777 or at [harristheaterchicago.org](http://harristheaterchicago.org).

**WHERE:** Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph Drive, Chicago, IL.

**WHEN:** 1:00 & 4:00 PM, Saturday, December 15, 2007

**PROGRAM:** *Nutcracker Suite*, selections by P. Tchaikovsky  
*Nutcracker Suite*, selections by D. Ellington  
*Messiah*, selections by G. F. Handel  
*Holiday Favorites*, selections to be announced

**FUNDERS:** The Illinois Arts Council & Yamaha Corporation Inc.

**WHO:** **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 and orchestral instruction. Midwest Young Artists was founded in 1993. MYA currently reaches over 600 students from 74 cities in the metropolitan Chicago area, with students ranging in age from 2<sup>nd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. MYA has 5 youth orchestras, more than 60 chamber music ensembles, 3 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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Photographs, videos, interviews and additional materials available.

*The Mission of the Midwest Young Artists (MYA) is to build a home with the power of music to enrich the lives of our students and community.*