



## Press Release

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### Midwest Young Artists returns to Millennium Park with guest ensemble, the Stuttgart Youth Symphony

Sunday, July 27, 2008

**WHAT:** On **Sunday, July 27, 2008, at 3:00 PM**, award winning Midwest Young Artists (MYA) returns to Pritzker stage in Millennium Park and will be joined by guest ensemble, the Stuttgart Youth Symphony. Led by the renowned directors Allan Dennis and Nic Meyer, Midwest Young Artists has been selected to appear as part of the new Rising Stars series in Millennium Park. Performing a concert of exciting jazz and orchestral music, the concert showcases MYA's summer orchestra and big band and includes repertoire by Bernstein, Copland, Beethoven, Count Basie and Buddy Rich on one concert! The concert is free and open to the public.

**GUEST ARTISTS:** The **Stuttgart Youth Symphony** of the Stuttgart Music School offers the opportunity to rehearse and perform works of the symphonic repertoire for young musicians in the greater region of Stuttgart, Germany. Approximately 70 instrumentalists rehearse weekly and perform 2-3 concerts each year in the Stuttgart region. The program is open to students ages fourteen and above. Concert tours and exchanges play an important role in the youth orchestra's activities. In 1999, the orchestra traveled to Brazil, in 2002, the orchestra traveled to South Africa, and in 2006, the orchestra gave concerts in Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne, Australia.

**WHERE:** Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park, Chicago, IL

Located in downtown Chicago on Michigan Avenue between Randolph and Monroe Streets, the **24.5-acre Millennium Park** is an unprecedented center for world-class art, music, architecture and landscape design. Among the park's prominent features are the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States; the interactive Crown Fountain by Jaume Plensa; the contemporary Lurie Garden designed by the team of Kathryn Gustafson, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel; and Anish Kapoor's hugely popular Cloud Gate sculpture. For more information about Millennium Park, visit [www.millenniumpark.org](http://www.millenniumpark.org) or call 312-742-1168. Visit [www.millenniumpark.org](http://www.millenniumpark.org) to sign up for the new Millennium Park e-newsletter!

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 27, 2008, 3:00 PM

**PROGRAM:** *Leonore Overture No. 3*, Ludwig van Beethoven  
*Hoedown from Rodeo*, Aaron Copland  
*Symphony No. 7, Mvt. I*, Franz Schubert  
*Divertimento for Orchestra*, Leonard Bernstein  
Jazz Selections - tba

SPONSORS: Northern Trust Company

WHO: With a vision to create an exceptional environment for young musicians, **Midwest Young Artists** (878 Lyster Road, Highwood, 847-926-9898) was founded in 1993. Currently reaching 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 strives to provide the highest quality music experience for young musicians nationwide. MYA expects the best out of its students and provides a supportive and nurturing environment. It is a place where students are able to grow with their peers in a competitive, yet friendly atmosphere. 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, 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.*