

Midwest Young Artists



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THE AMERICAN DREAM

Midwest Young Artists' 2007-08 Season debut in Chicago's Harris Theater for Music and Dance

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Midwest Young Artists (MYA) kicks off the year with the first concert of its "Dream with Us" Season, *The American Dream*, on **October 28, 2007**, at the **Harris Theater for Music and Dance** (205 E. Randolph Dr., Chicago, IL 60601) in Chicago's Millennium Park.

Midwest Young Artists is the leading youth music ensemble program in the Midwest and represents some of the best young musicians in the country. The program boasts exceptional training in jazz, choral, chamber and orchestral instruction and is pleased to return to the Harris Theater for its opening concert of the season.

The American Dream, sponsored by the McCormick Foundation, will feature MYA's talented orchestral, jazz and choral students in two different programs. The **3:00 PM concert** features performances by over 400 young students from kindergarten through 12th grades in an eclectic concert showcasing MYA's *Voices Rising* choral ensemble, recognized for its annual performances alongside the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for their Welcome Yule! concerts in December, in addition to MYA's *Jazz Orchestra* and *Jazz Ensemble*, and MYA's *Reading, Cadet, Prep* and *Concert Orchestras*. Featuring MYA's *Concert Orchestra*, the afternoon performance will conclude with **Beethoven's** enjoyable *Symphony No. 2, mvts. I & II*.

The **6:00 PM concert** features MYA's award winning ensembles with performances by MYA's *Symphony Orchestra*, *Big Band*, and *Chorale*. Hear **Mahler's** spectacular *Symphony No. 1*, rousing renditions of popular jazz standards by **Duke Ellington**, **Count Basie**, and **Thad Jones**, and scenes from the Opera by MYA's *Chorale*. The spirited evening of music marks the debut to MYA's special "Dream with Us" season. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$14 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the Harris Theater box office, at www.harristheaterchicago.org, or by calling 312.334.7777.

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 kindergarten through 12th grades, MYA strives to provide the highest quality music experience for young musicians nationwide. 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.

For more information about Midwest Young Artists, please visit www.mya.org or call 847.926.9898.

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