



Press Release

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Studs Terkel Presents Pre Concert Lecture and Book Signing at Harris Theater

FT. SHERIDAN- Prize-winning author and radio broadcast personality **Studs Terkel** joins Midwest Young Artists (MYA 878 Lyster Road, Highwood, IL 847-926-9898) for a special lecture and book signing for his recent book *And They All Sang: Adventures of an Eclectic Disc Jockey* at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 11, 2005, at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park (205 East Randolph Drive, Chicago Millennium Park, 312-334-7777). Immediately following the lecture, Lyric Opera's mezzo-soprano Lauren McNeese and soprano Lauren Curnow will perform alongside the award-winning MYA Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. for a passionate night at the opera, filled with music by Berlioz, Beethoven, Mozart, and Verdi. Sponsored by Michael Becker Fine Violins, the program includes *La Traviata: Prelude to Act III* by Verdi and *Der Freischütz Overture* by Weber. The concert will also feature the MYA Chorale in a performance with McNeese and Curnow on selections from Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* and Bizet's *Habanera* from *Carmen*. Adding to the excitement of the program is a performance by the MYA Big Band. Big Band selections will include Bill Holman's *A View from the Side*, George Gershwin's *Summer Time*, arranged by Bill Potts, and *Waltz for Debby* by Bill Evans arranged by Don Sebesky.

Tickets may be purchased at www.harristheaterchicago.org or call 312-334-7777.

Midwest Young Artists (878 Lyster Road, Highwood, IL, 847-926-9898), is the leading youth-music ensemble program in the Midwest. Founded in 1993 by Dr. Allan Dennis with one orchestra, MYA has grown into a full-curriculum music school with a distinguished faculty of 22. Presently, MYA has five youth orchestras, more than 50 chamber music ensembles, three vocal ensembles, an all-inclusive jazz program, as well as classes in music theory and history. The program is for serious young musicians and dedicated amateurs. MYA is housed in its own state-of-the-art facility in the town of Fort Sheridan, which provides its students with large rehearsal halls, classrooms, a recording studio, and music library. MYA graduates are accepted at the most selective conservatories in the country.

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