



## *Midwest Young Artists*

With a vision to create an exceptional environment for young musicians, **Midwest Young Artists (MYA)** was founded in 1993 with a dream and a single orchestra. Today, MYA reaches over 900 students from more than 74 cities in the metropolitan Chicago area, with members ranging in age from 12 months through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This award winning organization strives to provide the highest quality music education and performance opportunities for young musicians nationwide. Midwest Young Artists fosters an atmosphere where students exert their best efforts and are rewarded with the experiences of a lifetime. It is a place where students are able to grow with their peers in a competitive, yet friendly atmosphere.

Midwest Young Artists is comprised of 9 youth orchestras, more than 60 chamber music ensembles, 4 choral groups, a comprehensive jazz program, a wind symphony, an early childhood music education and exploration program, early and new music ensembles, and classes in music history, theory and composition. 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 worldwide.

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