



Dear Community and Business Leader:

When a small group of dedicated parents and I started Midwest Young Artists (MYA) in 1993, I could not have imagined the trajectory of our growth. That first year, MYA started rehearsals that year with 55 students and rehearsed in rented space. We are proud that now, 22 years later, that our program is reaching students aged 6 months-12<sup>th</sup> grade from 78 communities in the greater Chicago area. Each year, nearly **1,000 young musicians participate in programs** which include nine Orchestras, four Jazz Big Bands, four Choral ensembles, more than 60 Chamber Music Ensembles, 7 Jazz Combos, Music Theory, History & Composition classes, our Music & Movement classes for very young children, and our extensive summer program offerings. Hundreds of other students throughout the nation and internationally participate in the **DISCOVER<sup>®</sup> National Chamber Music Competition**, and the **Walgreens National Concerto Competition**.

We are excited to honor **Duain Wolfe, Choral Director of the CSO Chorus**, this year with our Golden Baton Award for his contributions to music in Chicago and the surrounding areas. We are also honoring our **MYA Board President, Thomas Sharp**, with a Take Note Award.

Midwest Young Artists' Crescendo Gala is crucial to MYA's yearly fundraising efforts. In 2014, proceeds from the Benefit comprised 50% of total charitable contributions. In turn, charitable donations comprised 32% of MYA's budget. These donations allow our students and faculty to participate in community outreach initiatives and to provide financial aid to students who could otherwise not afford to participate. I invite you to join us in this important effort to support Midwest Young Artists in our 2014-2015 season. I hope that you will take some time to look closely at MYA, and learn what a difference our music programs have on so many youth, and communities, in the Chicago-area. Your support for our Benefit this year will have a tremendous impact on continuing to make Chicago's leading Youth Music Education Center accessible to all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allan Dennis".

Allan Dennis  
Founder and Director

Enclosures



**Golden Baton Award: Duain Wolfe**  
**Take Note Award: Thomas Sharp**

Please help Midwest Young Artists (MYA) in its mission *to nurture, inspire, and enrich the lives of our youth and the community through the power of music.* Your financial assistance will make it possible to award financial aid, allowing more students to participate in our award winning music ensembles and to use their gifts and talents to give back and share their music in our community enrichment initiatives.

## Sponsorship Level Benefits

### *Ignite Brilliance* [\$15,000]

- Table of 10 at the Benefit with premium seating
- Prominent logo placement on signage at the MYA Benefit
- Logo placement on the MYA website with a link to your website, and in MYA's weekly E-Newsletters.
- Yearlong full page recognition in winter and spring concert programs (2015-2016)
- Mention as sponsor in benefit press release
- Logo on Gala invitations if commitment is received before printing
- Chamber music ensemble or Jazz combo performance at a corporate function or personal party to be arranged within a year

### *Ignite Virtuosity* [\$10,000]

- Table of 10 at the Benefit with select seating
- Prominent logo placement on signage at the MYA Benefit
- Yearlong full page recognition in season concert program book (2015-2016)
- Logo placement on the MYA website with a link to your website, and in MYA's weekly E-Newsletters.
- Mention as sponsor in benefit press releases
- Logo on Gala invitations if commitment is receiving before printing
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### *Ignite Excellence* [\$5,000]

- Table of 10 at the Benefit with select seating
- Recognition on signage at MYA Benefit
- Yearlong half page recognition in season concert program book (2015-2016)
- Mention as sponsor in benefit press release
- Logo placement on MYA website

### *Ignite Artistry* [\$3,500]

- ♪ Table of 10 at the Benefit with select seating
- ♪ Recognition on signage at MYA Benefit
- ♪ Four complimentary tickets to MYA concerts during 2014-2015 season



## Sponsorship Commitment Form

I support MYA's efforts to nurture, inspire and enrich the lives of our youth through the power of music and would like to sponsor the Ignite the Night Benefit through the following Table Sponsorship, underwriting or contribution:

- Ignite Brilliance* (\$15,000)
  - Table of 10 at the Benefit with select seating (see enclosed sheets for more details)
- Ignite Virtuosity* (\$10,000)
  - Table of 10 at the Benefit with select seating (see enclosed sheets for more details)
- Ignite Excellence* (\$5,000)
  - Table of 10 at the Benefit with select seating (see enclosed sheets for more details)
- Ignite Artistry* (\$3,500)
  - Table of 10 at the Benefit with select seating (see enclosed sheets for more details)
- Contribution in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I will underwrite \_\_\_\_\_

Name: _____	Website: _____
Name as it should appear for recognition: _____	
Address: _____	City, State, ZIP: _____
Phone: (____) _____	Email: _____@_____

- I have included a payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (checks made payable to: *Midwest Young Artists*)
- I am submitting a credit card payment online  
Go to [www.mya.org](http://www.mya.org)
- I will contact the MYA office to make payment arrangements.

**Please mail or fax form to:**

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