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5th Annual Midwest Young Artists Family Music & Fun Fest set for Last Weekend of August

HIGHWOOD, Ill. – The 5th Annual Midwest Young Artists (MYA) Family Music & Fun Fest will take place on August 26th from 12-5pm at 878 Lyster Road in the Town of Ft. Sheridan, Highwood. This event is free to attend and open to the public!

Midwest Young Artists is a top rated local non-profit specializing in pre-college performing ensembles from many musical genres. They also hold concerts and recitals by headlining musicians from all over the country. Since 2008, the MYA Fun Fest planning committee, comprised of parents, volunteers, board members and staff have celebrated the concert season with a big community party and open house featuring live performances all day - from swingin' Jazz combos to classical string chamber ensembles. The festival draws over 1,000 attendees and will feature:

- Continuous live performances from a variety of ensembles & genres
- Inflatable Activities for children and adults
- Fun carnival style games and prizes
- Teddi & Fred Koch with the 'Lil Cow Band
- Extreme Karaoke
- Dunk Tank
- iPad2 raffle
- Local purveyors of food and drink including Bridie McKenna's and Sunset Foods
- And More!

The Fun Fest will usher in the 2012-13 MYA 20th anniversary concert season for the over 600 students enrolled in challenging and fun ensembles. These award-winning groups include: Jazz, Orchestras, Chamber & wind Ensembles and Choral groups. It is also chance for the community to witness the artistry and talent of these young musicians in a casual and fun atmosphere. All are encouraged to tour the historic MYA Center, which started out life as a military stockade built in 1890 by famed architects Holabird and Roche.

With plenty of tents and an air-conditioned main building, the August heat will not stop anyone from having a blast! The festival is also pet-friendly, so bring your dog, cat, cheetah or three toed sloth to join in the fun. 100% of the proceeds directly benefit socially responsible MYA programs, scholarships and its community outreach programs. Don't miss a

special performance by famed children's group Teddi & Fred Koch with the 'Lil Cow Band, and get ready to sing and dance along!

New for the 2012 Fun Fest is the support and involvement of the MYA Young Professionals Board, a group of dedicated volunteers from diverse occupations who support the MYA mission: "To Build a Home With the Power of Music to Enrich the Lives of Our Students and Community." If you love to volunteer, and identify with the MYA cause, the Young Professionals Board would love to meet you.

For more information about the Midwest Young Artists Family Music and Fun Fest, please visit the MYA website at: www.mya.org

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About MYA

Midwest Young Artists (MYA) is one of the leading youth music ensemble programs in the country and represents some of the brightest young musicians in the world. A top rated non-profit by Great Non-Profits, MYA offers exceptional training in jazz, choral, chamber, wind symphony and orchestral performance. Founded in 1993, MYA currently reaches more than 1,000 students from 74 communities in the Chicago area, with students ranging in age from 12 months old through 12th grade. MYA encompasses 8 youth orchestras, more than 65 chamber music ensembles, four choral groups, a comprehensive jazz program, a wind symphony and a multi-level music theory program. Students have the opportunity to travel abroad and perform in major venues throughout the United States and around the world. MYA graduates are accepted at the most prestigious conservatories and colleges in the USA and abroad.

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