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Midwest Young Artists Music School in Highwood Awarded Top Rated Non-Profit Status for 2012

Highwood, Illinois - Midwest Young Artists (MYA), the premier pre-college music school and ensemble program in the Midwest is pleased to announce that they have been awarded the coveted Top-Rated status for 2012 by Great Non Profits, the leading authority in non-profit ratings. Thanks to the many students, parents and supporters who gave glowing reviews, MYA is now in its second year in a row as a top rated arts and culture organization with a perfect 5 star rating. This is great news for MYA, which is also celebrating their 20th anniversary season this year.

MYA's programming encompasses over 65 chamber music ensembles, 8 orchestras, a comprehensive Jazz program, music theory and history courses, early childhood education, Summer music camps, Wind Symphony and choral programs. Top musicians and educators from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Northwestern University, Carthage College and more make up the dedicated and esteemed faculty. MYA graduates are routinely accepted into the most prestigious conservatories and universities in the world.

Through financial aid and scholarships, it is the goal of MYA to ensure that every qualified student is able to participate in these award-winning ensembles. Dr. Allan Dennis is the founder and Director of the organization, which was created in 1993 with just one orchestra. He is passionate about maintaining a nurturing environment where talent is encouraged to flourish: "What we do is give each child the opportunity to challenge themselves by playing and performing great music and learning to work cooperatively in groups, whether it is a chamber ensemble, jazz combo, an orchestra or big band. Our students learn to work together to challenge themselves creatively and socially."

To find out more about MYA and their upcoming summer concerts, Fun Fest open house in August and the exciting 20th anniversary season coming up visit: www.mya.org. Watch the students of MYA in action with over 100 free podcast performances on <http://WMYA.fm>.

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