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Midwest Young Artists
878 Lyster Road
Highwood, IL 60040

(Highwood, Illinois) The Midwest Young Artists 7th Annual **Discover National Chamber Music Competition** will be held on **Sunday, February 9, 2014**, at the historic Midwest Young Artists Center. This annual competition is designed to provide an educational as well as a competitive experience for young chamber ensembles, and is generously sponsored by Discover Financial. The field is open to chamber ensembles in 12th grade and younger and is comprised of two divisions (Open and MYA). This event is open to all instruments and is divided into the following two categories: Strings & Piano and All Other Instruments (brass, percussion, voice, winds). Contestants will be competing for over \$5,000 in cash prizes and scholarships and the winner of each division will perform in a Winners Recital.

The competition is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. The deadline for registration is: **February 1, 2014**. Please scroll down for registration information.

Ensembles may consist of 3 to 8 musicians. Ensembles may use no more than one piano. Set-up and tear-down may take no longer than 2 minutes.

There are 2 Divisions :

1. Midwest Young Artists (MYA) Division
2. Open Division

Ensembles in the MYA Division must be active participants in the MYA Chamber Music Program. All other ensembles will be entered in the Open Division. The competition is for students in 12th grade and younger as of the 13-14 academic year.

There are 2 Categories in each Division:

1. Strings & Piano
2. All other instruments (brass, percussion, voice, winds)

Venue

The Midwest Young Artists Center
878 Lyster Road, Highwood Illinois, 60089

Overall Winners

- Overall Winning Ensembles will perform on a Winners Recital at the Chicago Cultural Center in March. *(Additional performance opportunities to be arranged.)*
- The Overall Winning Ensembles will each receive a Cash Award of \$1,000.

Category Winners

- Category winners for each Division will receive a MYA Tuition Scholarship for each member of the ensemble (valued at \$250 per member) to be used towards the 2014-15 academic year Chamber Program or 2014 Summer Music Festival.

For more information, contact MYA competition coordinator Ben Rusch at (847) 926-9898 or email at benrusch@mya.org. Visit the competition page at <http://mya.org/chambercomp.php> to register online.

About MYA: Midwest Young Artists is a top rated youth music ensemble program and represents some of the best young musicians in the country. The program offers exceptional training in jazz, choral, chamber and orchestral instruction. MYA currently reaches more than 1,000 students from 74 communities in the metropolitan Chicago area with eight youth orchestras, more than 65 chamber music ensembles, four choral groups, an all-inclusive jazz program, a rock program, early childhood education, and classes in music theory and history. Students have the opportunity to travel abroad and to perform in major venues throughout Chicago and around the world. MYA graduates are accepted at the most selective conservatories, universities and colleges in the country.