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Midwest Young Artists Announces 2014 Bethe Scholarship Recipient

(Highwood, Illinois) Midwest Young Artists (MYA) is pleased to announce that Nancy Pulido, grade 8 at Miguel Juarez Middle School in Waukegan, is the recipient of the Bethe Scholarship. This award is offered to students in the Young Music Scholars Program at Midwest Young Artists music school in Highwood, Illinois.

The scholarship will provide Nancy, a promising young bassist, with weekly private lessons during the 2014/15 season. As any serious musician will attest, regular private lessons are crucial to the development of musical skills, especially in beginners.

This inspiring scholarship is awarded in memory of David P. Bethe, who, during his long career, was Principal bass of the Grant Park Symphony, the Chicago Lyric Opera, the Contemporary Chamber Players and the Chicago Chamber Orchestra; Assistant Principal of the New Orleans Symphony and member of the bass section of the Milwaukee Symphony.

David's family and a close friend have chosen to honor his memory by providing the Young Music Scholars Program at MYA with the namesake scholarship to be awarded to students who have shown initiative and potential, have had exemplary attendance at rehearsals and lessons and who have completed the scholarship audition successfully.

The MYA Young Music Scholars Program's stated goal is to reach out to students who wouldn't normally find their way to MYA due to lack of financial resources. MYA provides scholarships to its beginner Reading Orchestra, and gives students recommended by their school music directors the opportunity to take lessons taught by student mentors in the top MYA Symphony Orchestra.

The MYA student mentors participate in a training program that includes working with master private teachers, and then are given the opportunity to put their skills into practice teaching the Young Music Scholars under the guidance of the program's director, Nathan Sackschewsky. For students considering majoring in music, this gives valuable teaching experience and a head start on college studies.

About MYA: Midwest Young Artists is the premier youth music education and ensemble organization in the Midwest and represents some of the best young musicians in the country. The program offers exceptional training in jazz, choral, chamber and orchestral instruction. Midwest Young Artists was founded in 1993 with just one orchestra. The organization currently reaches more than 1,000 students over 75 communities in the metropolitan Chicago area, with students ranging in age from 6 months through 12th grade. Home to 2014 Fischhoff Gold Medalists Quartet Fuoco, MYA is home to eight youth orchestras, more than 65 chamber music ensembles, four choral ensembles, an all-inclusive jazz program, classes in music theory and composition and an early childhood education program. 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 in the country.

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