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**Midwest Young Artists Announces
4th Annual Discover National Chamber Competition Winners**

HIGHWOOD, Ill. – A total of 41 young chamber groups, competed in the 4th Annual Discover National Chamber Competition, hosted by Midwest Young Artists on February 27 at Bennett-Gordon Hall at Ravinia Festival. This competition is growing rapidly, with 10 more groups than last year having entered for the 2011 event.

Students 12th grade and younger from several states competed for more than \$5,000 in scholarships and cash prizes in the MYA Division and the Open Division, which were further divided into the Strings & Piano Category and the Other Instruments Category (Brass, Percussion, Voice, and Winds).

The overall winning chamber ensemble of both the MYA Division was the *The Meshugene Quartet* with performances of music by *Bartok* and *Smetana*. The open division winners were *Quartet Toujours*, with their performances of literature from *Haydn*, *Shostakovich* and *Debussy*.

- In addition to their \$1,000 cash prizes, each of the overall winning ensembles will be performing a free recital with the winners of the MYA Walgreens National Concerto Competition at the Chicago Cultural Center on March 6 at 3:00pm.

- Each member of category winning ensembles will receive a \$250 scholarship to Midwest Young Artists programs.

The application deadline for the 5th Annual Discover National Concerto Competition is February 1, 2011.

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2011 Discover National Chamber Music Competition Results

MYA Division

Winner of MYA Division Other Instruments Category

Quintessential

Meridith Stauber, flute Tamara Winston, oboe; Theodore Mavrakis, clarinet;
Julia Paine, bassoon; Heather Bouma-Johnston, horn
Quintet in C minor (after Serenade No. 12) by Mozart arr. Rechtmann
Kleine Kammermusik, I. Lustic, Massig schelle Viertel and III. Ruhig und einfach by Hindemith

Honorable Mentions MYA Division Other Instruments Category

Opus 5 Brass Quintet

Christopher Wellems & Mitchell Zielinski, trumpets; Abby Black, horn;
Connor Thummel, trombone; Zach Schuetter, tuba
Frostfire, III. Tense and Dramatic by Ewazen
Triptych for Brass Quintet, I. Canzona by Jan Bach

MYAPE

Sarah Householder, Patrick Loftus,
Ian Pappas, Cody Scheyer: percussion
Ritual Music by Skidmore
Omphalo Centric Lecture by Westlake

Winner of MYA Division Strings and Piano Category

The Meshugene Quartet

Lisa Chertok & Rachel Stenzel, violins;
Ariel Chapman, viola; Christopher Gao, cello
String Quartet No. 2, II. Allegro molto capriccioso by Bartok
String Quartet in E minor, Allegro vivo appassionato by Smetana

Honorable Mentions MYA Division Strings and Piano Category

Trio TBD

Amy Pikler, violin; Emily Camras, cello; Frank Wu, piano;
Piano Trio, III. Vivace energico by Arnold
Piano Trio in D minor, I. Molto allegro ed agitato by Mendelssohn
Piano Trio in E Major, III. Allegro by Mozart

Quartet Sienna

Emily Acri & Madeleine Steup, violins;
Devon Naftzger, viola; Ben Solomonow, cello
String Quartet No. 3, III. Allegro non troppo by Shostakovich
String Quartet No 3, Andante espressivo ma con moto by Mendelssohn

Contrapunctus

James Hanford & Alan Snow, violins;

Nicholas Mowry, viola; Miles Link, cello
String Quartet, III. Dance by Rogerson
String Quartet No. 9, IV. Allegro molto by Beethoven

Overall Winner of MYA Division

The Meshugene Quartet

Lisa Chertok & Rachel Stenzel, violins;
Ariel Chapman, viola; Christopher Gao, cello

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2011 Discover National Chamber Music Competition Results

Open Division

Winner of Open Division Other Instruments Category

The Bone Rangers

Doug Meng, Jake Mezera & Royce Marrington-Turner, trombones;
Tanner Jackson, bass trombone
Secret Love Songs, IV & V by Carpenter
Langsamer Satz by Webern

Honorable Mention Open Division Other Instruments Category

The Gateway Trio

Erica Westenberg, violin; Shelby Nugent, horn; Rachel Robin, piano
Horn Trio in Eb Major, Op. 40, II Scherzo by Brahms
Twilight Music, II Ossessivo by Harbison

Precipice Saxophone Quartet

Russell Kerns, soprano; Justin Udry, alto;
Natalia Drozdoff, tenor; Kendra Wheeler, baritone
Mountain Roads, I and III by Maslanka
Nuages by Bozza
Sechs Bagatellen, I & III by Ligeti

Winner of Open Division Strings and Piano Category

Quartet Toujours

Heeyeon Chung & Kaho Sugawara, violins;
Eva Kennedy, viola; Ruthie Corday, cello
Quartet, Op. 10, I. Anime et tres decide by Debussy
Quartet No. 3, III. Allegro non troppo by Shostakovich
Quartet, Op. 64, No. 3, IV. Vivace assai by Haydn

Honorable Mentions Open Division Strings and Piano Category

Malik String Quartet

Matthew Lammers & Melissa Deal, violins;
Mark Hatlestad, viola; John Belk, cello

String Quartet No. 10 'The Harp', I. by Beethoven
String Quartet No. 5, I. Allegro non troppo by Shostakovich

The Milo Quartet

Jecoliah Wang & Emily DeBold, violins; Charles Longtine, viola; Richard Mazuski, cello
String Quartet No. 64 in D major, IV. by Haydn
String Quartet in G minor, Op. 27, I. by Grieg

Esperance Trio

Rebekah Lee, violin; Nikita Annenkov, cello; Brook Zhang, piano
Piano Trio No. 3, Op. 1, IV. Prestissimo by Beethoven
Piano Trio in D minor, Op. 32, I. Allegro moderato by Arensky

Overall Winner of Open Division

Quartet Toujours

**Heeyeon Chung & Kaho Sugawara, violins;
Eva Kennedy, viola; Ruthie Corday, cello**

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Midwest Young Artists is one of the leading youth music ensemble programs 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. MYA currently reaches more than 900 students from 74 communities in the metropolitan Chicago area, with students ranging in age from 2nd through 12th grades. MYA has five youth orchestras, more than 60 chamber music ensembles, three choral groups, an all-inclusive jazz program, 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. 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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