

Midwest Young Artists



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Midwest Young Artists Announces New Early Childhood Education Classes

HIGHWOOD, Ill. – Does your child enjoy singing and dancing? Would you like your child to learn about melody, rhythm and a variety of instruments?

Midwest Young Artists' (MYA) *Miniature Young Artists* program is a perfect way for your young musician to get a head-start while interacting with other children!

Miniature Young Artists is the newest addition to MYA's program offerings, which include five orchestras, three choral groups, and a comprehensive jazz program.

Each *Miniature Young Artists* class will meet for 45 minutes on Thursdays at the MYA Center (878 Lyster Rd., Highwood) and is modeled after unique non-packaged child-focused teaching ideas. Students will use musical shakers, xylophones and parachutes to explore different ways to express themselves through music.

The age groupings of the classes are 8 – 18 month-olds, 18 – 36 month-olds, and 3 – 5 year-olds. The two younger classes will include parents or caregivers. The older class is independent, but parents are welcome to attend.

The first session will run from **Feb. 5 – March 19** and the second session will run from **April 2 – May 14**. Each seven-week session costs \$100. Registration for the first session is now open.

Jessica Jordan, an MYA alum with experience teaching young children will lead these classes. Jessica holds a B.M. in violin performance from Northwestern University, where she is pursuing a Master's of Music in violin performance and pedagogy. She is Suzuki-certified, and teaches violin at several studios in the Chicago area. In addition to her work at MYA, she is a graduate assistant to Professor Gerardo Ribeiro, as well as Stacia Spencer at the Northwestern Music Academy.

To register for classes, please contact Midwest Young Artists at (847) 926-9898.

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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 600 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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