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**MYA announces its February 25, 2012 Concerts, performed at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall**

**Fort Sheridan, IL (Feb. 6, 2012)** – The Midwest Young Artists (MYA) youth music conservatory announces its February 25, 2012 concerts which will be held at Northwestern’s Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at 10:30am, 3:00pm, and 7:30pm. MYA’s concerts will feature its World-Renowned Orchestras, Honors Wind Symphony and Voices Rising, performing with some of the most skilled soloists around the country, who were chosen during the Walgreens Concerto Competition in late December of 2011.

Discover Strength, will start the very musical day at 10:30am with the students of our Reading, Cadet, Concertino and Philharmonia Orchestras. Philharmonia will feature the Walgreen’s Winner for the Early Music Category, Masha Lakisova from Vernon Hills. She will be performing the first movement of Haydn’s Violin Concerto in G Major.

At 3:00pm Discover the Future, will give us a glimpse of the future of not only orchestra concerts, but also wind symphony and choral concerts. Featuring MYA’s Honors Wind Symphony, Concert Orchestra, and Voices Rising, who recently performed on WGN Chicago Channel 9 news to promote a collaborative choral concert, Voices of the Future, at the Harris Theatre supporting the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana. The Concert Orchestra will perform the first movement of Mendelssohn’s Violin Concerto in G Major with the Walgreen’s Junior Winner, Aidan Perreault from Skokie.

Discover Triumph, the final concert of the day will start at 7:30pm. We will be celebrating the triumphant soloists from the Walgreen’s MYA Senior and Open Overall winners, Ariel Chapman from Lincolnshire and Gallia Kastner from Arlington Heights with the Symphony Orchestra. The program will include the dramatic Prokofiev’s Symphony No. 5 as well as Tchaikovsky and Hindemith.

*“This is getting to be a habit.*

*Sunday at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall in Evanston (under the heading “Discover Brilliance”), Dr. Allan Dennis led the Midwest Young Artists Symphony Orchestra in an orchestral warhorse of grand proportions that showcased a level of polished nuance, technical skill, and a degree of artistic maturity that is hard to over-praise in such young personnel.”*

- Michael Cameron’s review of October’s Concert “Discover Brilliance”

Venue Information: Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern. 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, IL 60208. Parking is free of charge and is located directly south of Pick-Staiger.

Ticket Information: \$30 adults/\$15 students, please visit <http://www.mya.org/store/tickets.php> or call 847-926-9898 to purchase tickets and for more information.

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*About Midwest Young Artists:*

Midwest Young Artists ([www.mya.org](http://www.mya.org)) serves 1000 students and encompasses over 60 chamber music groups, 8 orchestras, a Jazz program, music theory courses, early childhood education and choral programs to name a few. Conveniently located within walking distance from the Metra, the Midwest Young Artists Center in Highwood offers custom designed rehearsal space and state of the art touches like a professional recording studio. MYA graduates are routinely accepted into the most prestigious conservatories and universities in the world.

For more information, please visit <http://www.mya.org> or call [\(847\) 926-9898](tel:8479269898).

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