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Midwest Young Artists Adds Talented New Faculty to Jazz Program

Midwest Young Artists is proud to welcome three new directors to oversee its growing Jazz program.

Renowned jazz artist and Northwestern University Jazz Director **Victor Goines** will assume the role of Artistic Advisor for the Midwest Young Artists Jazz Program, including undertaking the role of sectional coach, master class teacher and guest artist for the Jazz in January 2010 weekend. Mr. Goines has been a member of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra since 1993, has spent years of his life touring and performing with acts such as Wynton Marsalis, and has also been a very active educator. His education posts have included Professor of Jazz Saxophone, Woodwinds and Jazz Studies at Florida A & M University, Adjunct Professor at Xavier University, and a member of the faculties of Loyola University and the University of New Orleans.

Tenor saxophonist, composer, and Northwestern University faculty member **Chris Madsen** will conduct Midwest Young Artists' Jazz Orchestra and Big Band, and will teach jazz theory and composition classes. Mr. Madsen is an in-demand composer and performer in the New York and Chicago jazz scene, and is also a Midwest Young Artists alum.

Saxophonist and composer **Jarrard Harris** will direct Midwest Young Artists' Jazz Combo Program and conduct the Jazz Ensemble. Mr. Harris is on the adjunct faculty at Columbia College of Chicago, Trinity International University, faculty member of Yamaha Bands of America summer jazz program, and is the teaching artist at the Gallery 37/Chicago Public Schools/Theolonious Monk Institute of Jazz Studies Program.

All three jazz conductors join the faculty of MYA this fall, with several jazz performances already scheduled throughout the year.

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