

## Midwest Young Artists



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### **Midwest Young Artists to Collaborate with Lang Lang Young Scholars; Music Summit to Culminate in Performance at Millennium Park, Chicago**

*HIGHWOOD, Ill.* –The Midwest Young Artists (MYA) Symphony Orchestra is set to participate in the 2012 Lang Lang International Music Summit this August. MYA students will work with talented young pianists from the Lang Lang Young Scholars program through a weeklong experience which will serve as a cultural and musical exchange for all involved. The summit will culminate in a grand performance for the public at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion at Chicago's Millennium Park on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. MYA is an award-winning non-profit music school known for its community outreach efforts and collaboration with other non-profits and charities.

Lang Lang is a world famous classical pianist, and at the age of 28 has already spent 10 years of his life giving back to the global community of young musicians. The vision of his foundation includes making classical music accessible to children and providing the best educational opportunities in the world to hopeful young musicians, many of whom would never have had such access. Lang Lang has lent his efforts to charitable activities as diverse as convening 100 pianists in concert, playing music for sick children in hospitals, delivering classical music recitals in underserved and remote communities, donating his musical talents to benefit concerts, and personally mentoring rising young talented pianists. In the process, Lang Lang has inspired young people to believe that music can make life better. Midwest Young Artists shares Lang Lang's passion for education and belief that music is a powerful force for good in the world.

Celebrated as one of the greatest youth orchestras in the country, the MYA Symphony performed such pieces in the 2011-12 season as Strauss's *Ein Heldenleben* and Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances*; pieces normally only attempted by top-level professional ensembles. This special performance will incorporate piano students from the Lang Lang Young Scholars Program and feature well-known Grieg and Chopin piano concertos.

### **Concert Info: August 19, 6:30pm at Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park, Downtown Chicago**

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*About MYA*

Midwest Young Artists (MYA) is one of the leading youth music ensemble programs in the country and represents some of the brightest young musicians in the world. A top rated non-profit by Great Non-Profits, MYA offers exceptional training in jazz, choral, chamber, wind symphony and orchestral performance. Founded in 1993, MYA currently reaches more than 1,000 students from 74 communities in the Chicago area, with students ranging in age from 12 months old through 12th grade. MYA encompasses 8 youth orchestras, more than 65 chamber music ensembles, four choral groups, a comprehensive jazz program, a wind symphony and a multi-level music theory program. Students have the opportunity to travel abroad and perform in major venues throughout the United States and around the world. MYA graduates are accepted at the most prestigious conservatories and colleges in the USA and abroad.

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