

Midwest Young Artists



Midwest Young Artists Youth Arts Program Awarded Top Rated Status Third Year in a row for 2013

(Highwood, IL) - Midwest Young Artists (MYA), is a pre-college music school and ensemble program that imparts lifelong values and integrity through the arts. The Highwood-based non-profit is pleased to announce their third consecutive Top-Rated status award for 2013 by Great Non Profits, the leading authority in non-profit ratings.

Thanks to the many students, parents and supporters who gave glowing reviews, MYA continues to hold a perfect 5 star rating in the arts category. MYA has also earned the Trusted Partner seal from Guidestar, a non-profit accountability organization, for their continual transparent operation and blemish-free record as a non-profit and pillar of the community.

MYA's programming encompasses over 65 chamber music ensembles, 8 orchestras, a comprehensive Jazz program, music theory and history courses, rock program, early childhood education, Summer music camps, Wind Symphony and choral programs. Top musicians and educators from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Northwestern University, Carthage College and more make up the dedicated and esteemed faculty. Graduates of the program are routinely accepted into the most prestigious conservatories and universities in the world, and hold positions in some of the nation's great ensembles. Alumni continue to invest their time into the organization through the MYA Young Professionals Board, which raises scholarship funds for prospective MYA students.

Dr. Allan Dennis is the founder and Director of the organization, which was created in 1993 with just one orchestra. His goal is for the experience to be about more than just music; it is to mold students into citizens of good character: "What we do is give each child the opportunity to challenge themselves by playing and performing great music and learning to work cooperatively in groups, whether it is a chamber ensemble, jazz combo, an orchestra or big band. Our students learn to work together to challenge themselves creatively and socially." – *Dr. Allan Dennis*.

To find out more about MYA, the Young Professionals Board, and upcoming concerts & events, visit: **www.mya.org**. Watch the students of MYA in action with over 100 free podcast performances on **WMYA.fm**, interact on **[Facebook.com/midwestyoungartists](https://www.facebook.com/midwestyoungartists)**, or Tweet **@Musicatmya**. For more information please call the MYA office at (847) 926-9898 or email mya@mya.org. The MYA Center is located at 878 Lyster Road, Highwood, IL. and is a registered 501 c3 non-profit educational organization.