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Internationally Acclaimed Conductor **Leonard Slatkin** Rehearses
with Midwest Young Artists (MYA) Symphony Orchestra

WHAT: Warming up for the *All-American Kids Performing All-American Music* concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 12 at the Harris Theater, Millennium Park, conductor Leonard Slatkin takes the podium with the MYA Symphony Orchestra (more than 100 high school musicians representing 65 communities from Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana participate in this orchestra).

WHEN: 9:00-11:30 a.m. Friday, December 10, 2004.

WHERE: Midwest Young Artists Center, 878 Lyster Road, Highwood, IL 60040, 847-926-9898, www.mya.org

WHO: Midwest Young Artists is the leading youth-music ensemble program in the Midwest. Founded in 1993 by Dr. Allan Dennis with one orchestra, MYA has grown into a full-curriculum music school with a distinguished faculty of 22. Presently, MYA has five youth orchestras, more than 50 chamber music ensembles, three vocal ensembles, an all-inclusive jazz program, as well as classes in music theory and history. The program is for serious young musicians and dedicated amateurs. MYA is housed in its own state-of-the-art facility in the town of Fort Sheridan, which provides its students with large rehearsal halls, classrooms, a recording studio, and music library. MYA graduates are accepted at the most selective conservatories in the country.

WHY: Celebrated conductor, Leonard Slatkin is widely held as one of the best conductors in the world. Dedicated to music education, he has worked with young musicians, inspiring them to achieve their goals. Experience the best: the excitement of youth combined with the professionalism of today's artists! The concert at Harris Theater will be an unforgettable experience for all who attend.

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