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Midwest Young Artists Summer Chamber Camp: A Young Musician's Summer Dream World

FORT SHERIDAN, IL, - Nestled back in the woods, situated on a beautiful 140-acre wooded campus in Lake Forest, is a young musician's summer dream world. Complete with chamber music, orchestra, music history, theory, sonata, and early music classes, incredible faculty, and much more, the Midwest Young Artists (MYA) Chamber Music Camp at Lake Forest Academy is soon becoming known as one of the premiere chamber music camps in the country for young musicians, age 13-20. Going on its third year, the MYA summer chamber program has already reached national status, attracting students as far away as California, Texas, Florida, and Canada.

With an emphasis on chamber music, the 4 week, 2-session summer program, which runs June 19-July 16, 2005, offers an intense, balanced chamber music curriculum. Taught by musicians who are nationally known professional performers and chamber music experts, students develop and hone their chamber and solo techniques. Particular focus is on developing interpretive and communicative skills. There are few chamber music camps in the U.S. which devote the same attention, energy, and opportunities as the MYA Chamber Music Camp. This is because MYA believes that chamber music is of vital importance to the education of its students. Chamber musicians are flexible musicians. They are *leaders* when the part calls for it; they are *responders* when others are in the position to lead; they are *joiners* when they play the same part as others; they are *cooperators* when their part fits with or into another. They make the best orchestra musicians as well as the best soloists. Students are placed into string, woodwind, brass, piano, or percussion ensembles, based on compatible ability and age levels.

Chamber music groups are coached by experienced teachers, performers, and chamber musicians from the Pro Arte Quartet, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Northwestern University, and Harrington String Quartet. Summer 2005 faculty includes violinist Annie Chalex of the Harrington String Quartet, violist Sally Chisholm of the Pro Arte Quartet, cellists Jean-Michel Fonteneau and Mark Kosower, percussionist Michael Kozakis, clarinetist John Bruce Yeh of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and trumpeter Bruce Daugherty. Students also have the opportunity to participate in master classes with prominent musicians from around the nation. This summer includes violinist William Preucil of the Cleveland Orchestra, violinist Gerardo Ribeiro of Northwestern University, cellist Thomas Rosenberg of the Artaria String Quartet, and violinist Mark Zinger of DePaul University.

Students in the MYA Chamber Music Camp perform twice per session with their respective chamber groups and with the Concert or Festival Orchestra at the Ravinia Festival, Lake Forest Academy Cressy Center for the Arts, and the annual MYA Concert on the Lawn. Students also have the opportunity to perform abroad. Tours to national and international destinations include Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Scotland, Czech-Republic, and Germany.

In addition to chamber music and orchestra, students attend music history and theory classes and have the opportunity to take sonata or baroque classes. For free time students participate in recreational activities including open mic night, ultimate Frisbee, swimming, soccer, and basketball.

In sum, Midwest Young Artists Chamber Music Camp is a place where young, talented musicians come to experience great chamber music, participate in orchestra, study music history and theory, and make lifelong friendships. The summer chamber program emphasizes fellowship and camaraderie between students, respect, and encouragement in the teaching relationship, and the continual pursuit of excellence in chamber music performance. The MYA Chamber Music Camp is a program that accommodates the future dedicated amateurs as well as the students preparing for a future in the highly competitive world of music. To apply to and learn more about the MYA Chamber Music Camp and other MYA programs, please visit www.mya.org/summer.

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Midwest Young Artists (878 Lyster Road, Highwood, IL, 847-926-9898), 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.

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