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Music Master Classes at Midwest Young Artists

FORT SHERIDAN, IL, - Midwest Young Artists is proud to present violist John Graham from the Eastman School of Music and cellist Regina Mushabac, Professor of Cello at the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory, in two outstanding master classes. At 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17 at the MYA Center (878 Lyster Road, Highwood, 847-926-9898), John Graham will work with chamber music ensembles and Regina Mushabac will provide free cello lessons to interested high school students. Free and open to the public, the master classes offer a thought-provoking and entertaining afternoon. For more information, please visit www.mya.org or call 847-926-9898.

John Graham has been teaching throughout his long career as a performer. In the early 1970's, while based in professional performance activities in New York City, he became a part time faculty member of the music department of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, teaching both the viola and chamber music. During the next twenty years he also taught at the State University of New York at Purchase and at the Mannes College of Music in Manhattan.

In 1983 he was a visiting professor for five months at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, China and in 1988 he was a visiting professor at Michigan State University. In 1989 he accepted the position of Professor of Viola at the Eastman School of Music and has since been a visiting professor at the Kunitachi College of Music in Tokyo, the Central Conservatory in Beijing and the Shanghai Conservatory. He is currently an Artist-Faculty member of the Aspen Music Festival and School.

His experience as a performer has been in a variety of professional areas: as a soloist and chamber music player; as a principal and section violist in symphonic, chamber, ballet and opera orchestras; as a player in Broadway and television musical productions and in the recording of commercial and motion picture music.

Award winning cellist **Regina Mushabac** is in demand as recitalist and soloist. Mushabac is professor of cello at the Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory of Music (Cleveland). She studied at Juilliard with Leonard Rose for six years and continued with Janos Starker at Indiana University. In addition to the complete standard repertoire, Mushabac is well known for her exploration into new music. She has performed dozens of world premieres and can be heard in solo recordings on GM Recording Label, Trumedia Records, and New World Records.

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Mushabac plays the entire standard repertoire of concertos and recital material including her own transcriptions of classics from the violin repertoire. In addition, she is well known for her exploration into new music. She has performed dozens of world premieres and dedications including solo works by: Roger Reynolds, Camargo Guarnieri, Don Freund, Rodolph Bubalo, Frederick Koch, Kellach Waddle, Anne Wilson and Loris Chobanian. She has also worked intensively with composers: Gunther Schuller, Karel Husa, Steven Mackey, Witold Lutoslawsky and Virko Baley.

Midwest Young Artists (878 Lyster Road, Highwood, 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. MYA has five youth orchestras, more than 50 chamber music ensembles, three vocal ensembles, an all-inclusive jazz program, and 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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