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Evanston High School Graduates Return Home for Midwest Young Artists' Stars of Today Concerts

FORT SHERIDAN, IL, - Midwest Young Artists (MYA 878 Lyster Road, Highwood, 847-926-9898) is excited to present the *Stars of Today; MYA Alumni Come Home* concerts at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2005 at the Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University (50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, 847-491-5441). Concert tickets for the 7:30 p.m. concert are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors and \$10 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors for the 3:00 p.m. concert. For more information, please visit www.mya.org.

Check out the brilliance of MYA's Reading, Cadet, and Prep Orchestras and MYA Choristers at the 3:00 p.m. concert. The concert also includes a world premiere by Dr. Hector Rasgado-Flores with the MYA Concert Orchestra. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors.

At the 7:30 p.m. concert the MYA Symphony Orchestra is joined by MYA alums violinist Jeremy Black and violist Carrie Dennis in a spectacular performance of Mozart's *Symphony Concertante* with the MYA Symphony Orchestra. The concert also includes Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 5* performed by the award-winning MYA Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors.

Jeremy Black, a graduate of Evanston Township High School, made his solo debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at the age of 12. He has since performed in a series of concerts with the Chicago Symphony, Chicago String Ensemble and Evanston Symphony, and made solo appearances with the University of Michigan Symphony Orchestra, the University Circle Chamber Orchestra of Case Western Reserve University, and the Midwest Young Artists Symphony Orchestra. Before joining the Pittsburgh Symphony first violin section in September 2002, Mr. Black began his professional orchestral career in 2000 as a first violinist in the Grant Park Orchestra and a frequent substitute with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. While in Chicago, Mr. Black was a student of Mark Zinger, currently on faculty at DePaul University. Mr. Black's secondary education began at Case Western Reserve University at the Cleveland Institute of Music. After graduating, he moved to Ann Arbor to pursue his Masters degree at the University of Michigan.

Violist Carrie Dennis, a graduate of Evanston Township High School, is currently the assistant principal violist of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Having started her musical studies on violin at the age of three, she has attended many summer music festivals including the Marlboro Festival, Ida Kavafians Music from Angel Fire, and the Verbier Festival. Recently Carrie collaborated with the Artis Quartet and toured with Musicians from Marlboro. Carrie is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music where she studied with Victor Danchenko.

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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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