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### Turning the Tables with Pianist Christopher O’Riley at the Genesee Theatre

FORT SHERIDAN, IL, - **Christopher O’Riley** is best known for accompanying the talented young musicians who have graced the *From the Top* radio program stage. His witty humor and child-like skits have made the *From the Top* program the most popular classical music radio show on the air. The tables will turn, however, at **7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 29** when the musicians of the **Midwest Young Artists (MYA) Symphony Orchestra** accompany pianist O’Riley on Prokofiev’s *Piano Concerto No. 3* at the historical **Genesee Theatre (203 North Genesee Street, Waukegan, 847.782.2366)**.

A Chicago native, O’Riley is equally at home accompanying youngsters on *From the Top* as he is performing as a soloist with well-known national orchestras. He has performed with notable ensembles such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Pittsburgh Symphony, and has worked with famous musicians such as Bobby McFerrin, composer Peter Schickele and flutist James Galway.

O’Riley is also known for his more contemporary piano transcriptions of rock groups such as Radiohead and Elliot Smith. His first recording of Radiohead transcriptions, “True Love Waits,” received four stars from Rolling Stone and has sold more than 50,000 copies.

Christopher O’Riley will take the stage with the award-winning MYA Symphony Orchestra for a performance of Prokofiev’s *Piano Concerto No. 3* at **7:30 p.m., April 29, at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan**. The program will also feature Mahler’s *Symphony No. 5* and O’Riley’s *Radiohead* transcriptions. Tickets are \$22/person and \$12/student or senior and are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at [www.mya.org](http://www.mya.org). Group sales are available by calling 847.406.3155.

**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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