



## ***Media Alert***

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## **Traveling the Silk Road: Destination China and Korea!**

- WHAT:** On **Saturday, May 5, 2007**, at Chicago's Civic Opera House, award winning Midwest Young Artists is celebrating the end of their Silk Road Season with two performances showcasing over 600 students from 74 cities in the metropolitan Chicago area with students ranging from 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The concerts celebrate MYA's extraordinary season and their upcoming 3 week tour to China and Korea. The 3:00 PM concert features Reading, Cadet, Prep and Concert Orchestras, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra and Voices Rising. The 7:30 PM concert features Symphony Orchestra with violinist William Preucil, concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra and former 1<sup>st</sup> violinist with the Cleveland Quartet, and MYA's Chorale. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$25 for adults. Tickets are available at [www.mya.org](http://www.mya.org) or by calling 847.926.9898.
- WHEN:** 3:00 & 7:30 PM on Saturday, May 5, 2007
- WHERE:** Civic Opera House, 20 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL
- WHO:** With a vision to create an exceptional environment for young musicians, Dr. Allan Dennis founded **Midwest Young Artists** (878 Lyster Road, Highwood, 847-926-9898) in 1993. Currently reaching over 600 students from 74 cities in the metropolitan Chicago area with students ranging in age from 2<sup>nd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, MYA strives to provide the highest quality music experience for young musicians nationwide. MYA expects the best out of its students and provides a supportive and nurturing environment. It is a place where students are able to grow with their peers in a competitive, yet friendly atmosphere. MYA has 5 youth orchestras, more than 60 chamber music ensembles, 3 choral groups, an all-inclusive jazz program, and classes in music theory and history. Students have the opportunity to travel abroad and to perform in major venues throughout Chicago and around the world. Leading the nation in chamber music instruction, MYA graduates are accepted at the most selective conservatories, universities and colleges in the country.
- WHY:** A one of a kind event celebrating music and the Chicago community!! It's an opportunity to hear outstanding young musicians performing in one of Chicago's premiere venues.

The Mission of the Midwest Young Artists (MYA) is to build a home with the power of music to enrich the lives of our students and community.

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