



## ***Media Alert***

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### **Chicago's Premier Youth Music Ensemble Presents It's First Multicultural Family Holiday Concert: Holiday Music of the Silk Road**

**WHAT:** On **Saturday, December 16, 2006**, at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, Millennium Park, Chicago, award winning Midwest Young Artists is celebrating the holiday season with three, one hour performances of holiday music from around the world, the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of concerts in their Destination: Silk Road Series. It includes the world premiere of tabla virtuoso Kalyan Pathak's, "Song of Gandhi Ashram", as well as songs from Hindu, Jewish, Buddhist and Christian Cultures. The performances showcase MYA's top orchestra, big band and choral ensembles with Dr. Allan Dennis (founder & director) as master of ceremonies. Performances are 11:30 AM, 2:00 & 4:00 PM on **Saturday, December 16, 2006** at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance at Millennium Park. Tickets are \$5 and available at the Harris Theater Box Office (205 E. Randolph Drive, Chicago), by calling 312-334-7777.

**WHEN:** 11:30 AM, 2:00 & 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 16, 2006

**WHERE:** Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph Dr., Chicago, IL

**WHO:** Midwest Young Artists is the leading youth-music ensemble program in the Midwest. Founded in 1993 by Dr. Allan Dennis with two orchestras, 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.

**WHY:** A one of a kind event!!! It's an affordable, multicultural, family holiday event. Tickets are \$5.

*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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