

**Press Release  
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### **Be Sure to Keep This Young Musician on Your Radar Screen**

*FORT SHERIDAN, IL* - At the young age of 13, cellist Gabriel Cabezas has achieved more than the average teenager. His awe-dropping resume shows the young musician's versatility, talent and determination. Beginning with his first cello lesson at the age of four to his recent win at the 2005-2006 Walgreens Concerto Competition, Gabriel is well on his way to living out his dream of becoming an accomplished cellist.

Participating in this year's Walgreens Concerto Competition wasn't new to Gabriel. In December of 2004, Gabriel was the winner of the MYA Junior Division of the Walgreens National Concerto Competition and subsequently performed with the MYA Concert Orchestra at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. This year, however, he will take the reign as the Overall Winner of the Open Division and perform Kabalevsky's *Cello Concerto No. 2* with the Midwest Young Artists (MYA 878 Lyster Road, Highwood, 847-926-9898) Symphony Orchestra for *A Night at the Theater* at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, February 18, at the Pick-Staiger Concert Hall (50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, 847-467-4000) at Northwestern University.

Gabriel's orchestral credits include performances with the Youth Orchestras of Greater Fort Worth, the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestras, the Orchestra of the Americas, and the Midwest Young Artists Orchestras. As a member of the MYA Chamber Music Program, Gabriel performs in the award-winning BAM Quartet - Bronze Medallists for the Junior Division of the 2005 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition. The BAM Quartet recently performed and recorded for *From the Top*, a national radio program hosted by pianist Christopher O'Riley. Recently, Gabriel was named semi-finalist at the 2006 Sphinx National Competition and his compositions *Scherzo Cacciatore* and *Pulses* for piano were awarded the 2004 and 2005 Illinois Junior Category Titles by the Music Teachers National Association.

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Gabriel's talents expand further than just music. A student at Wilmette Junior High School, Gabriel participates in the New Trier District Accelerated Mathematics and Curriculum Differentiation Program and tutors other students with the Epworth Tutoring Program.

Orchestral conductors might want to keep Gabriel on their radar screen – with the rate this young musician is going, he's sure to soon be playing in a professional orchestra.

Sponsored by the McCormick Tribune Foundation, the evening performance also features the MYA Chorale, Choristers and Symphony Orchestra and the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana Concert Choir in a dramatic performance of Carl Orff's electrifying *Carmina Burana*.

***Tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/student or senior and are available at [www.mya.org](http://www.mya.org) or by calling 847-926-9898.***

**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, two 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 and universities in the country.

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