



Press Release
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Oliver Nelson Jr. and Howard Levy Heat Up HotHouse with Midwest Young Artists Jazz

FORT SHERIDAN, IL, - Midwest Young Artists (MYA 878 Lyster Rd, Highwood 847.926.9898) jazz all-stars will be heating up Chicago's premier international music club, the HotHouse (31 E. Balbo, Chicago 312.362.9707) at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2006 with guests **Oliver Nelson Jr.** on flute and **Howard Levy** on harmonica. Nelson, Levy, the MYA Big Band, Jazz Ensemble & Jazz Orchestra will take the stage to perform works by Count Basie, Thad Jones, Maria Schneider, Quincy Jones, and more. This concert is an annual sell-out so buy your tickets today! Tickets available at www.mya.org or by calling **847.926.9898**.

Flutist **Oliver Nelson Jr.** has performed with the Smithsonian Masterworks Jazz Orchestra, Benny Golson, James Williams, Grady Tate, and Bob Crenshaw. In addition, he has recorded with Bela Fleck as part of a tribute CD dedicated to his late father - composer, arranger, and saxophonist Oliver Nelson Sr. Oliver. Oliver currently performs with his jazz quartet, woodwind trio and the Combrío Duo.

Universally acknowledged as the world's most advanced diatonic harmonica player, **Howard Levy** developed a fully chromatic style on the standard 10 - hole diatonic harmonica, revolutionizing harmonica playing and taking the instrument into totally new territory. He is also an accomplished pianist and composer, and plays many other instruments as well, including flute, ocarina, mandolin, saxophone, and percussion. Howard Levy was a founding member of the Bela Fleck and the Flecktones. He toured and recorded two albums with Kenny Loggins, and formed Trio Globo with Eugene Friesen and Glen Velez. Howard has also performed and/or recorded with Dolly Parton, Styx, Bobby McFerrin, Paul Simon, John Prine, Paquito D'Rivera, Ken Nordine, and many others, as well as touring and recording extensively in Europe with artists such as Rabih Abou Khalil and Michael Riessler.

Directed by saxophonist Nic Meyer and trumpeter Bruce Daugherty, the MYA Jazz Program includes three big bands, six combos and classes in jazz history and theory. The jazz program has been featured on CBS 2 and on ABC 7 and is widely praised by jazz masters, aficionados and audiences state-wide.

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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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