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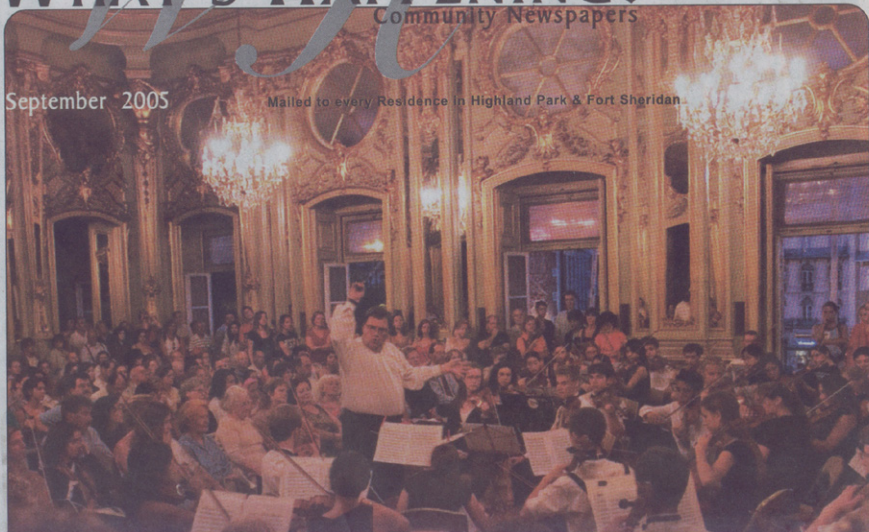
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MYA International Concert Tour: 20 Days, 15 Concerts, 2 Embassies

100 young musicians from Midwest Young Artists (MYA 878 Lyster Road, Highwood, IL 847-926-9898) embarked on a 20-day concert tour this July to the historical countries of Spain and Portugal. MYA's ambassadors performed more than 15 concerts for standing ovations at venues including the US Embassies in Spain and Portugal, the Palace of La Granja in Segovia and the International Piano Festival in Lucena. . Students also had the rare opportunity to meet the Ambassador to Spain from the U.S., Eduardo

Aguirre Jr., and the Iraqi Ambassador to Spain,

Everything Else... Priceless

Talal Al-Khudairi. Michael Fatum, a trumpeter and sophomore at New Trier High School, comments. "At the end of our third concert, the crowd gave us an overwhelming standing ovation and when we played the last part of Carmen (the

opera) as an encore they clapped along. To be able to stand up in front of more than 350 people who don't even speak your language and get a bone chilling applause is an experience that I will treasure forever. Since that concert we tended to receive the same warm welcome everywhere else. It is because music is a universal language that everyone can understand and enjoy."

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