

# Midwest Young Artists



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## NEWS RELEASE

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Midwest Young Artists announces that three of its bright young students have been named as YoungArts finalists, and will compete for cash prizes and the chance to be named Presidential Scholars in the Arts. These students, recognized for their excellent work in nine disciplines across the visual, literary and performing arts, will come to Miami for the national YoungArts Week, January 10-15, 2011.

This year's finalists represent the top 3% of applicants and were selected through a blind adjudication process from a pool of 5,164 applications. The art forms range from world dance to woodwinds; from non-fiction writing to jazz trumpet, and the young artists hail from 27 states throughout the U.S. During YoungArts Week, all finalists will participate in master classes with internationally renowned artists, workshops, interdisciplinary activities, performances and exhibitions. Additionally, they will receive monetary awards from \$1,000, with top-level awardees receiving \$10,000.

These finalists will be adjudicated to determine further award levels, including participation in the special, New York City-based In The Studio/Out of the Studio, another week of workshops for YoungArts Gold and Silver finalists. NFAA is also the sole nominating agency for the Presidential Scholars in the Arts, the highest honor that can be awarded to any artistically talented graduating high school senior, and 20 YoungArts finalists will be named Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

- Jazz – Ben Solomon, sax from New Trier High School
- Music – Amy Pikler, recorder from New Trier HS (violin and viola)
- Music – Frank Wu, piano from Stevenson HS

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- *About MYA:*

With a vision to create an exceptional environment for young musicians, **Midwest Young Artists (MYA)** was founded in 1993. MYA reaches over 900 students from more than 74 cities in the metropolitan Chicago area, with students ranging in age from 12 months through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. 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 9 youth orchestras, more than 60 chamber music ensembles, 4 choral groups, several jazz big bands, numerous jazz combos, honors wind symphony, early and new music ensembles, and early childhood music program and classes in music history, theory and composition. 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.

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