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**MIDWEST YOUNG ARTISTS  
TO PERFORM IN MILLENNIUM PARK JULY 27, 3 PM**

**MYA to be Joined by Stuttgart Youth Symphony of Germany  
As Part of New Rising Stars Series in Millennium Park**

Midwest Young Artists, an extraordinary group of youth musicians from the Chicagoland area and Wisconsin, will grace the stage of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park in a free concert on Sunday, July 27 at 3 p.m. Led by the renowned directors Allan Dennis and Nic Meyer, Midwest Young Artists appear as part of the new Rising Stars series in Millennium Park.

Audiences can look forward to hearing *Symphony No. 7, Mvt. I* by Franz Schubert. In addition, the guest ensemble, the Stuttgart Youth Symphony of Germany, will join Midwest Young Artists in *Leonore Overture No. 3* by Ludwig van Beethoven and *Hoedown* from *Rodeo* by Aaron Copland.

Midwest Young Artists was chosen to star with the best and the brightest of Chicago's young artists this summer as part of the premiere Rising Stars series at Millennium Park. Offering an opportunity for up-and-coming performers to hone their craft on the stage of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the series has so far showcased the work of the Chicago Children's Choir and the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras and will feature After School Matters on August 10. Finalists in the national Poetry Out Loud contest will open each performance in the Rising Stars series.

Midwest Young Artists (MYA) is a leader in providing top-quality ensembles for young students who are passionate about music. The group was founded in 1993, with a vision to create an exceptional environment for young musicians. Currently reaching over 600 students from 74 cities in the metropolitan Chicago area, with students ranging in age from second through twelfth grades, MYA strives to provide the highest quality music experience for young musicians nationwide. They have five youth orchestras, more than 60 chamber music ensembles, three choral groups, an all-inclusive jazz program, and classes in music theory and history. Each year, MYA students 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.

The Stuttgart Youth Symphony of the Stuttgart Music School in Germany, offers young artists, age 14 and older, the opportunity to rehearse and perform symphonic works. Approximately 70 instrumentalists rehearse weekly and perform 2-3 concerts each year in the Stuttgart region. In 1999, the orchestra traveled to Brazil; in 2002, they traveled to South Africa; and in 2006, the orchestra gave concerts in Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne, Australia.

Millennium Park is located in the heart of downtown Chicago. It is bordered by Michigan Ave. to the west, Columbus Dr. to the east, Randolph St. to the north and Monroe St. to the south. Convenient parking is located in the Millennium Park Garage (entrance on Columbus at Monroe or Randolph) and at the Grant Park North and East Monroe Garages, all located within a short walking distance to Millennium Park.

Millennium Park is an award-winning center for art, music, architecture and landscape design. The result of a unique partnership between the City of Chicago and the philanthropic community, the 24.5-acre park features the work of world-renowned architects, planners, artists and designers. Among Millennium Park's prominent features are the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States; the interactive Crown Fountain by Jaume Plensa; the contemporary Lurie Garden designed by the team of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel; and Anish Kapoor's hugely popular Cloud Gate sculpture. Since its opening in July 2004, Millennium Park has welcomed more than 12 million people, making it one of the most popular destinations in Chicago.

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