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### **Thirteen-Year-Old Midwest Young Artists Conservatory Student Begins her Solo Debut as the 2023 Walgreens National Concerto Competition Overall MYAC Junior Winner!**

*Seventh grader Ingrid Updegraff wins the 2023 Walgreens National Concerto Competition within the MYAC Junior Division, performing Haydn's Violin Concerto in G Major.*



Thirteen-year-old **Ingrid Updegraff** is an exceptionally talented 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Wilmette Junior High School. She began her musical studies with Suzuki violin lessons at the age of three while attending the Music Institute of Chicago (MIC). She is now a current member of the Midwest Young Artists Conservatory's (MYAC) Concert Orchestra and Chamber Music Programs.

When it comes to the world of competition, Ingrid is no shy contestant. In 2021, she claimed first place in the Society of American Musicians Violin Primary Division Competition, as well as first place in the 18th Century Charleston International Music Competition in 2023. She also performed as a featured soloist at the Music Institute of Chicago's Gala in 2022. Ingrid enjoys playing with her father who is a professional pianist as well as her brother who plays cello. The three musicians often perform together at community and church events such as playing monthly concerts with family and friends at Norwood Crossing, a senior living community. Ingrid performs on a 1911 violin, made by the David Bromberg Collection of American Violins.

In addition to claiming the title as the Walgreens Overall MYAC Junior Winner, she was also named the String Category Winner within her division. This year was the 26th annual year of the pre-college youth concerto competition with over 200 contestants from all over the U.S., making it the largest and most comprehensive of its kind throughout the Midwest. MYAC provided two panels of distinguished judges who delivered personalized comments to each performance as well as individual professional recordings for each student. The Annual Walgreens National Concerto Competition offers a nurturing and encouraging environment for all students.

Ingrid will be performing Haydn's Violin Concerto in G Major with the Midwest Young Artists' Concert Orchestra on Saturday, February 24th, 2024 at 3 PM at Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. This concert will also feature winners from the MYAC Senior Division and Overall Open Divisions, performing their solo pieces with the accompaniment of MYAC's orchestral ensembles!

*Don't forget to secure your tickets for Ingrid's performance at <https://givebutter.com/myacwinterconcerts>, or call (847) 926-9898.*