

CONCERT

**The Magical Strings of Youth and members of
Oistrakh Symphony / Mina Zikri, conductor**

Sunday, May 22 at 3:00pm / Free Admission

Buffalo Grove High School Theatre Auditorium
1100 W Dundee Road, Buffalo Grove, IL



Mina Zikri is a music director of the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra and the Oistrakh Symphony of Chicago. As a violinist and assistant conductor to Daniel Barenboim, he performs with the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra on their annual tours to major music festivals and concert halls around the world.

The Betty Haag Academy of Music in Buffalo Grove was founded by violinist Betty Haag-Kuhnke, who for the past 40 years has offered musical instruction in violin, viola, piano, note reading, and repertoire classes to children of all ages and races. Academy students have performed at Carnegie Hall, the White House, Vatican City in Italy and enjoyed concert tours all over Europe, Russia, China, Singapore, and Australia. Celebrated artists, such as Ricci, Midori, Gluzman, Rosand, Shaham, Repin, and Gingold, have worked directly with its violin students, creating experiences that will influence the rest of their lives.

The Academy features a unique teaching philosophy which first introduces the pre-school age child to music using the Suzuki method. Mrs. Haag, who worked directly with Dr. Shinichi Suzuki in his homeland of Japan, now uses the Suzuki method as the foundation for the young child's instruction, and incorporates note reading and other forms of traditional music study. Students of all levels of proficiency are offered opportunities to perform in repertoire classes, recitals, solo appearances, and the Academy's annual Chicago Symphony Center concert. The students also perform regularly throughout the local community at libraries, community centers, and other venues, including educational workshops.