

## Szoztek, Musical Offering Win Mayor's Arts Awards



Musical Offering students Julia Milliken, left, Colin Williamson, center, and Elizabeth Williamson performed recently at a chamber music competition.

Photo courtesy of Musical Offering

Each year at the State of the City luncheon one individual and one organization receive the Mayor's Award for the Arts for contributions to the community through excellence in the arts.

This year the Feb. 22 ceremony will honor John Szoztek for his work as executive director of the Evanston Festival Theater, 29 years of promoting the Custer's Last Stand Festival for the Arts, and efforts in the creation of the Evanston Arts Depot and its resident troupe, the Piccolo Theatre. The Musical Offering, 743 Custer St., an intimate, nurturing music school and the musical partner of Oakton School, will receive the organization award. (See related story on the Musical Offering on page 13.) For tickets to the State of the City luncheon, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, call 847-328-1500.



John Szoztek, one winner of the 2007 Mayor's Awards for the Arts, directs the Piccolo Players in plays such as "Lust, Lies and Marriage," pictured above.

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