

# WINDOWS ON THE WORLD

Flexi-tickets are still available for the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association *WINDOWS ON THE WORLD* season concerts. A Flexi-ticket is a mini season ticket. It includes 6 single admission tickets that can be used in whatever combination you choose: all at once at a single event, for a couple to attend 3 events, etc. The cost is \$60, which is \$30 below the adult single admission price. There are three major concerts remaining in the season where these tickets could be used.

LINCOLN'S IDEALS will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 15 at 3:00 PM. The annual Young Artists Concert will feature performances by the winners of the Young Artists Competition: Kelsey Drea on piano, and Emily Hart on oboe. The concert will also commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Quincy Mayor John Spring will serve as the narrator for Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*, which includes readings from some of Lincoln's most famous letters and speeches, including the Gettysburg Address. Goodman's *Symphony No. 1 Fields of Crimson* depicts through music and narration the story of the Battle of Gettysburg. Composer Todd Goodman be a guest for the performance, and will speak to the audience before the concert about his inspiration for *Fields of Crimson*. Also on the program will be a side-by-side performance of Copland's *Outdoor Overture* with the Quincy Area Youth Orchestra, conducted by Christine Beason.

Come ready for some toe-tapping and finger-snapping, as the Quincy Symphony Chorus hosts singer Margaret Carlson and her combo at 7:30 PM on Saturday evening, March 7, at the Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ. HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD will showcase the most famous songs from the golden age of movies. Vocalist **Margaret Carlson** has been compared to Julie Andrews and Maureen McGovern, with her elegant musical style and on-stage presence. Read about Carlson and listen to sound samples at [www.margaretcarlson.com](http://www.margaretcarlson.com).

The 38<sup>th</sup> Young Peoples concerts will be performed on March 18. These performances give area 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to experience live symphonic music in a setting just for them. The QSO will perform AT THE MOVIES, featuring orchestral movie music the children will recognize. The 11:30 AM performance at Baldwin Intermediate School is free and open to the public.

The season will conclude with FRENCH CONNECTIONS on Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 PM in the Morrison Theater. Clarinetist R. Joseph Dieker will perform Debussy's famous *Rhapsody for Clarinet and Orchestra*. Other works on the program will include Debussy's *Trois Nocturnes* and Faure's *Pelleas et Melisande Suite*. The orchestra will conclude the program with Gershwin's *An American in Paris*. Gershwin stated "My purpose is to portray the impression of an American visitor in Paris, as he strolls about the city and listens to various street noises and absorbs the French atmosphere." *An American in Paris* is one of Gershwin's best-known compositions.

In-depth information on the season, including program notes and soloist biographies, will be posted throughout the season on the QSOA website, [www.qsoa.org](http://www.qsoa.org). Check back often. Single tickets will be available in advance or at the door, and children under 18 are admitted free and encouraged to attend all concerts. Flexi-tickets will be available at the LINCOLN'S IDEALS concert, or can be purchased in advance. Call 217-222-2856 for details or a brochure.