

QSO CONCERT WILL BRING BACK FAVORITE MEMORIES

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra, Chorus, and Youth Chorus will present the **CHRISTMAS MEMORIES FAMILY CONCERT** on Saturday, December 6 at 3:00 PM. The concert will take place at the QJHS Morrison Theater on the corner of 14th & Maine St. in Quincy. This wonderful holiday concert will be sure to put your family in the holiday spirit.

Conductor Bruce Briney will lead the orchestra in a performance of many traditional and contemporary arrangements of familiar holiday pieces, including Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride* and Chip Davis's orchestral arrangement of the familiar Mannheim Steamroller interpretation of *Stille Nacht*. The chorus will perform the *Many Moods of Christmas Suite 4*, a famous arrangement of carols including *The First Noel*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, *I Saw Three Ships*, and *Deck the Halls*.

Because Quincy is fortunate enough to have an accomplished youth chorus, the QSOA commissioned composer/arranger Phil Snedecor to write a new arrangement for youth chorus, chorus, and orchestra. The **world premiere** of *Christmas Memories* will feature a variety of styles, including music from the Christmas television and movie specials *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Frosty the Snowman*, and *Home Alone*, as well as traditional carols. The combined Quincy Area Youth Chorus and Quincy Symphony Chorus will be over 100 voices strong. The medley will include some fun surprises you won't want to miss!

The concert will also feature a special guest appearance by many of Quincy's fine harpists, and the whole family will enjoy Finnegan's *A Christmas Sing-A-Long* to conclude the festive afternoon performance. Whether you're planning a family gathering, or just giving yourself a wonderful, wondrous event to look forward to, make this favorite Christmas tradition part of your holiday plans. ***Christmas Memories*** is sure to delight everyone on your list and start your family's season off in the best possible way! Tickets will be available in advance at Wild Birds Unlimited, or at the door at a cost of \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors. Children 18 and under are admitted free and encouraged to attend all QSOA concerts. Hope to see you there! Make a day of it and visit the Symphony of Trees Family Festival at the Ambiance, 5225 Kochs Ln. before or after the concert. www.symphonyoftrees.org.

The Quincy Area Youth Chorus is fundraising for its trip to the 2009 Voices United Choral Festival in Bath, England. QAYC will have \$20 Hymnal Angels for sale at the concert, and will also be selling \$5 chances for a weekend for two in London, England. **The drawing for the London trip will be held after the concert intermission.** Visit www.qsoa.org or call 222-2856 to learn more about the raffle prize and the Voices United Choral Festival.

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