

BRIDGES

Led by conductor Bruce Briney, the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association is preparing to celebrate its 63rd season. *BRIDGES*, the 2010-2011 season of orchestral and chorus concerts, will mix favorite masterpieces with creative contemporary works.

On Saturday evening October 2, the season will open with *A RIVER OF TIME*, featuring oboist Jennet Ingle performing Eric Ewazen's *Down a River of Time*. Jennet Ingle has been noted for her "extraordinary artistry and virtuosity" (Illinois Times) and for the "intimacy and spirit of fun" (State Journal-Register) in her playing (www.jennetingle.com). Written in 1999, *Down a River of Time* flows as its title suggests, with lovely melodies taking the listener on a journey of pleasure. Traditional and well-known works on the program will include Rimsky-Korsakov's *Procession of the Nobles*, and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4 in F Minor*.

The Quincy Symphony Chorus will present the JUBILANT SONG concert on Saturday evening, November 13. Dr. Phyllis Robertson will lead the chorus in a selection of traditional choral music, including Haydn's *Te Deum* to be performed with organ accompaniment. The performance will also include *A Jubilant Song* by Dello Joio.

The CHRISTMAS MAGIC Family Concert on Saturday, December 11 will include many favorites including Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride* and Chip Davis's arrangement of *Stille Nacht*. The QSO will be joined by the Quincy Symphony Chorus and the Quincy Area Youth Chorus. Surprises are planned as well! This fabulous concert has become a tradition for many...mark your calendar early and plan an afternoon of holiday fun and singing for the whole family.

VIRTUOSIC VISION, on Sunday afternoon February 13, will feature performances by the winners of the Young Artists Competition. The annual Young Artists Concert will highlight the virtuosity and talent of young musicians, and will include a side-by-side performance with the Quincy Area Youth Orchestra. The QSO has presented over 130 young soloists since the first Young Artists Night in 1954. In addition to the concerto performances, the program will include a side-by-side performance with the Quincy Area Youth Orchestra, and will conclude with a celebrated work written by a teenage composer: *Symphony No. 1* by Dmitri Shostakovich.

Come ready for some toe-tapping and finger-snapping, as the Quincy Symphony Chorus presents their Spring Pops concert, a CENTURY OF CLASSICS, on Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 PM. The chorus's performance of Greg Gilpin's 20th *Century Celebration* will touch on many of the most famous popular songs enjoyed throughout the decades of the 20th century. The Jane Hartman Jazz Trio will perform standards of the era.

The *Bridges* concert season will mark the 40th anniversary of the QSO's Young Peoples concert performances for children. On Wednesday, March 23rd, these performances will give area 3rd thru 6th graders the opportunity to experience live symphonic music in a setting just for them. The QSO will perform HEROES...music with a superhero theme. Bring your cape! The 11:30 AM performance at Baldwin Intermediate School is free and open to the public.

The season will conclude with HARMONIC RHYTHMS on Saturday evening, April 9. QSO Timpanist Bill Machold will perform Russell Peck's *Harmonic Rhythm* concerto for timpani and orchestra. Well known in the Quincy area as a performer and clinician, Bill is currently on the music faculties of Quincy University and Culver-Stockton College, and maintains a large private percussion studio. *Harmonic Rhythm* was premiered in 2000, the result of a commissioning project by 39 orchestras. Two traditional works, Beethoven's *Overture to King Stephen* and Brahms' masterpiece *Symphony No. 2 in D Major*, will round out this program mix of old and new.

Season Tickets offer a great savings over single ticket prices. Season Tickets are available now, and include all of the concerts described above, plus the concerts of the Quincy Area Youth Chorus and the Quincy Area Youth Orchestra. The price of a season ticket is \$60 for adults and \$50 for seniors. A special promotional offer allows new season ticket holders to get two season tickets for the price of one if the ticket order is received before September 22. Children 18 and under are admitted free to all concerts and are encouraged to attend.

In-depth information on the *BRIDGES* season, including program notes and soloist biographies, will be posted throughout the season on the QSOA website, www.qsoa.org. Check back often. Call 217-222-2856 for more details or a brochure.