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## Quincy Symphony Orchestra Announces Concert at No Charge

The Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association has announced their Nov. 19 concert will be offered at no cost to the public thanks to several generous donations. The 3 p.m. family concert will feature the acclaimed BEYOND THE SCORE® - WHOSE WORLD? program. This Chicago Symphony work is based on Dvorak's *Symphony No. 9 (From the New World)*. A collaboration of the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association and the Quincy Community Theatre, this production takes Dvorak's symphony to new heights with theatrical and multi-media presentations as well as dramatic vocal accompaniment.

The concert will be provided at no charge thanks to support from Blessing Health System, Advance Physical Therapy, Encore! Symphony Volunteer Council, the Stillwell Foundation, the Community Foundation of the Quincy Area's Arthur O. & Lela B. Lindsay Fund and Green-Humphrey Family Fund for Music, the Tracy Family Foundation, the Marion Gardner Jackson Trust, the business and individual members of the Quincy Society of Fine Arts, the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly.

"It is rare for a production of this caliber to be offered to the general public at no charge," said David Oakley, president of the QSOA board of directors. "We are so pleased that the generous contributions of several agencies and businesses allow us to make this available for all."

Other free events related to the concert include a 7 p.m. Nov. 17 lecture with Dr. John Novak at the Quincy Museum and a panel with Dr. C. Patrick Hotle at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 19 on the stage at Quincy Junior High School just prior to the actual performance.

"This year the QSOA was honored the 2011 Illinois Council of Orchestra's Community Relations of the Year award. We continue that tradition of collaboration by partnering with the Quincy Community Theatre, The Quincy Museum and many generous donors because we want this program to be a gift to the community," Oakley said.

The organization will further extend their collaborative efforts by partnering with the youth of Operation Serve to collect food at the concert for Horizons Social Services of Adams County. Concert attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items to stock Horizons food pantry.

The QSOA is grateful for the support from the corporate community including their season sponsor, Knapheide Manufacturing Company. All concerts are partially supported by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Call 222-2856 or visit [www.qsoa.org](http://www.qsoa.org) for more information.