

FROM THE HEART concert a Valentine treat featuring outstanding Young Musicians

Under the direction of Music Director Bruce Briney, two of the area's most talented young high school musicians will be the featured soloists for the Quincy Symphony Orchestra's 55th Young Artists Concert on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010 at 3:00 PM in the QJHS Morrison Theatre. FROM THE HEART will feature the two winners of the annual Young Artists Competition: John Reinhardt, III performing on alto saxophone, and Xavier Zahnle on piano. The QSO will host the Quincy Area Youth Orchestra for the concert opener, and conclude with a favorite symphony of the local audience.

John Reinhardt, III is a senior at Quincy High School. He has been studying saxophone for 8 years, and studies privately with Leslie Fonza of Quincy. He has also studied with Christine Damm. John has been a member of the IMEA All-District Concert and Jazz Bands and the IMEA All-State Honors Band. He is a member of the QHS Marching, Concert, Jazz, and Show Choir bands, and has been a member of the QHS pit orchestra for musicals. John is also a proficient pianist, with a piano studio of 13 students of his own. Outside of school, John participates in the music ministry at Madison Park Christian Church. In his free time, he enjoys riding his dirt bike. John is the son of Paula and J.D. Reinhardt of Quincy.

Xavier Zahnle is a junior at Macomb High School, and has studied piano for 11 years with Jenny Perron. He will perform the 1st movement of the Shostakovich Piano Concerto No. 2. Xavier is also a bassoonist studying with Dr. Doug Huff, and a percussionist as well. He has participated in IMEA District Festivals and Solo & Ensemble contests since 2006, and was selected for the IMEA All-State band on bassoon. He has attended WIU Band Camps and ISYM Summer camps since 2005. In 2008 he studied marching percussion at the Music for All Summer Symposium in Normal, IL. He is a member of the Macomb High Wind Symphony and has performed with the Monmouth Civic Orchestra. Xavier enjoys running, and was named MVP of the MHS Cross-country team last year. He is vice-president of both the MHS Scholastic Bowl team and the Science club. He enjoys learning, and when asked, can't pick a favorite school subject. Xavier is the son of Kenneth and Gayle Zahnle of Macomb, IL.

The QSO will host the Quincy Area Youth Orchestra as they share a side-by-side performance of Saint Saëns's "Bacchanal" from *Samson and Delilah* under the direction of QAYO Conductor Christine Beason. Briney will then lead the young soloists in their performances. Mr. Reinhardt will perform Paul Creston's *Sonata, Op. 19*. The first half of the program will conclude with Mr. Zahnle's performance the first movement of Shostakovich's *Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Major*.

Following the intermission, the QSO will perform the lush and beautiful *Symphony No. 2* of Howard Hanson, subtitled *Romantic*. Hanson wrote that his aim for the *Romantic Symphony* was to create a work "young in spirit, romantic in temperament, and simple and direct in expression". The symphony has been an audience favorite in Quincy for many years, having been performed by the QSO six times since 1964. The beautiful melody of the second movement is particularly well known. The beauty of the *Romantic Symphony* will be a delightful treat for your Valentine's Day afternoon.

Concert tickets will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance from the Symphony Office at 428 Maine, or from Wild Birds Unlimited, 3502 Broadway Rd. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors. Children 18 and under are admitted free to all QSO concerts, and are encouraged to attend. Flexi-tickets (6 admissions for \$60) will be available at the concert, offering a 30% discount over single-admission prices. The New Encounters Golden Baton Season Sponsors are the Knapheide Manufacturing Company and Dene Lambkin Honda, Hyundai, and Hertz. The From the Heart concert is made possible in part by Music Sponsor Quincy Medical Group, Media Sponsor Charter Media, and by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

The QSOA has been hit hard by reduced state and grant funding. The organization is holding a fundraising raffle and needs support from the community at large. Raffle tickets will be for sale at the concert for \$10 each, and are also available from any chorus, orchestra, Encore!, or board member. The \$1,000 grand prize drawing will be held at the Chichester Psalms Finale Concert on April 17. Raffle proceeds will support the many programs of the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association, including the Youth Orchestra, Youth Chorus, Concerts for children, Choral concerts, and Quincy Symphony Orchestra concerts. Visit the website www.qsoa.org or call the Symphony office for more information 222-2856.

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