

## CONCERT TO FEATURE MUSIC OF THE CIVIL WAR ERA

The Quincy Symphony Chorus will present AMERICAN TREASURES on Saturday, November 8 at 7:30 PM in the First Union Congregational Church on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> & Maine St. in Quincy. In a celebration of the bicentennial anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, Dr. Phyllis Robertson will conduct the chorus in a performance of traditional American theme music, including music from the Civil War era.

Songs sprang up during the Civil War period to encourage both soldier and civilian alike. Especially in the North, the call went out for new composers to come forth and write music appropriate for the moment. Men like George F. Root, Walter Kitteredge, and Patrick Gilmore answered the call and came forward with timeless songs and lyrics. Abraham Lincoln is quoted as saying that men such as George Root were as responsible for the North winning the war as were the generals. Interesting facts emerge as discussions center around Civil War music. First, *Dixie* was written by a Northerner, Daniel Emmett, as a walk-around song in a minstrel show. *When Johnny Comes Marching Home* was sung by both Northern and Southern armies. And finally, the *Battle Hymn of the Republic* was written by a Southerner [Richard Otey]. The chorus will perform *A Civil War Medley* arranged by Greg Gilpin, and many familiar spirituals and folk songs such as *Cindy* and *Shenandoah*.

The Concert Sponsor for AMERICAN TREASURES is Klingner & Associates. STARadio/WTAD is the media sponsor. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at Wild Birds Unlimited in Quincy, or may be reserved in advance by calling 222-2856. Individual concert tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$12 for senior citizens, with children under age 18 admitted free and encouraged to attend. Save money and time by purchasing a Season Ticket for the remaining *WINDOWS ON THE WORLD* concerts! All QSOA concerts are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. Visit [www.qsoa.org](http://www.qsoa.org) for more information on the music and performers.

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