

# New Encounters

The 62<sup>nd</sup> season of the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association

Led by conductor Bruce Briney, the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association is preparing to celebrate its 62nd season. *NEW ENCOUNTERS*, the 2009-2010 season of orchestral and chorus concerts, includes a number of premier performances for the Symphony, along with the return of standard works that our audiences embrace.

On Saturday, October 3 at 7:30 PM in the Morrison Theater, the season will open with LYRIC ROMANTICISM, featuring violist Istvan Szabó performing *Kol Nidrei* by Bruch and Hummel's *Fantasy for Viola*. Emphasizing 19<sup>th</sup> century musical romanticism, orchestral works will include Beethoven's *Overture to Egmont* and Kalinnikov's *Symphony No. 1 in G minor*.

The FIESTA! Family Concert will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, November 21 at the Morrison Theater. The QSO will be joined by guitar soloist Petar Jankovic in the performance of works by Spanish and Mexican composers, including Marquez's *Danzon No. 2*, Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*, and Manuel de Falla's *Three Cornered Hat*. Mark your calendar early and plan for the whole family to spend a fun afternoon immersed in energizing Latin musical culture.

The Quincy Symphony Chorus will present the CHRISTMAS JOY choral concert at 7:30 PM on Saturday evening, December 12 at the Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ. Dr. Phyllis Robertson will lead the chorus in a selection of traditional and sacred music. The evening promises to be an inspiring and bright addition to your celebration of the season.

FROM THE HEART will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 14 at 3:00 PM. The concert will feature performances by the winners of the Young Artists Competition. In its 55<sup>th</sup> year, the competition is open to area 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade musicians. Fitting for your Valentine's Day outing, the program will begin with the side-by-side performance of Saint Saëns "Bacchanal" from *Samson and Delilah* with the Quincy Area Youth Orchestra (conducted by Christine Beason), and will conclude with the QSO's performance of Howard Hanson's lush *Symphony No. 2 "Romantic"*.

The TRUE AWARD WINNERS choral concert will be held at 7:30 PM on Saturday evening, March 6, at the Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ. Come ready for some toe-tapping and finger-snapping, as the Quincy Symphony Chorus hosts the award winning "True Men" a cappella singers of Truman State University. The Symphony Chorus will perform music selected from Tony Award winning shows.

The 39<sup>th</sup> Young Peoples concerts will be performed on Thursday morning, March 24. The 11:30 AM performance at Baldwin Intermediate School is free and open to the public. These concerts give area 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to experience live symphonic music in a setting just for them...but the 45 minute performances are enjoyable for "grown-ups" too! The QSO will perform STORIES, TALES & FABLES, a program of orchestral music with narration.

The season will conclude with CHICHESTER PSALMS on Saturday, April 17 at 7:30 PM in the Morrison Theater. The Culver-Stockton College and Quincy University Choruses will join the Quincy Symphony Orchestra and Chorus for the performance. Works to be performed include Leonard Bernstein's *Overture to Candide* and *Chichester Psalms*, Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings* and *Second Essay*, and William Schuman's *New England Triptych*.

Don't wait to purchase Season Tickets, which 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. Single tickets will be available throughout the season at the door, or in advance from Wild Birds Unlimited on Broadway Rd. The single ticket price is \$15 for adults, and \$12 for seniors. Children under 18 are admitted free to all concerts and are encouraged to attend.

The Season Sponsors for the *NEW ENCOUNTERS* season are the Knapheide Manufacturing Company and Lambkin Honda, Hyundai & Hertz. In-depth information on the season, including program notes and soloist biographies, will be posted throughout the season on the QSOA website, [www.qsoa.org](http://www.qsoa.org). Check back often. Call 217-222-2856 for more details or a brochure.