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“Youth Chorus to Perform Annual Spring Concert”

The Quincy Area Youth Chorus will perform their Annual Spring Concert Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary of Trinity United Church of Christ, 2020 South 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Kinderchor, under the direction of Amy Stollberg and accompanied by Laura Kammerer, will perform “A Joyful Song” by Canton, Missouri, native Mary Lynn Lightfoot. The choir will then perform “Inscription of Hope” by Z. Randall Stroope. A Hawaiian piece titled “Ahe Lau Makani” (There is a Breath), arranged by Jerry Deput will be sung next followed by “The Rainbow”, words by English poet Christina Rossetti and composed by David Childs. Mecki Kosin will join the Kinderchor, playing soprano recorder on “The Piper” by Cynthia Gray. The last piece to be performed on the first half of the concert will be “It’s in My Desk” a fun energetic selection written by Lightfoot.

The chorus will be performing in Bath, England this summer. In anticipation, the Concert Choir will be performing several pieces inspired by their destination, utilizing texts by poets such as William Blake's poem "Songs of Innocence", the Elizabethan poem "A-Maying, A-Playing", the English folk song "As I walked through London City" and music of Sir Edward Elgar "The Snow". Also featured, a rousing number called "Go Where I send Thee!" and "Fire." In addition to the Concert Choir, the Chamber Choir will perform a beautiful arrangement of "Danny Boy." The Concert and Chamber Choirs are directed by Paul Shelor and accompanied by Mary Shelor.

There will be a reception following the performance in the fellowship hall.

A free will donation will be collected at the concert to support the performance trip to England scheduled for June 2009.

The Quincy Area Youth Chorus, founded in 1995, offers quality vocal training and heightened appreciation of choral music to children in 3rd through 12th grades. Over 75 children from 18 schools in 13 area communities take part. Conceived as an educational outreach of the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association, QAYC seeks to supplement school and church choral training with focused preparation and performance of excellent treble chorus literature, including both secular and sacred music, appropriate for both girls and boys with unchanged voices. Membership is by audition. The QAYC receives financial support from Encore! Symphony Volunteer Council “Symphony of Trees”, the Samantha Otte Youth Opportunity Fund through the Community Foundation of the Quincy Area, the Annual Fund of the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association, and from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. For more information call the Quincy Symphony office at 217/222-2856 or visit [www.qsoa.org](http://www.qsoa.org).