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“Youth Chorus to Perform Fall Concert”

The Quincy Area Youth Chorus will perform their Fall Concert on Sunday, October 30th at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary of Trinity United Church of Christ, 2020 South 24th Street.

The Kinderchor, under the direction of Jessi Kirchner-Sparks and accompanied by Laura Kammerer, will perform *“Gonna Rise up Singing”* by Don Besig. The Kinderchor members will imitate different orchestra instruments using their voices as they perform *“(The) Orchestra Song* by William Schuman. The performance will also feature a well known American Folk song *“Cross the Wide Missouri (Shenandoah/The Water is Wide)”* by Don Besig and *“Freedom Song”* arranged by Lon Beery. *“Freedom Song”* is based on the well known *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor* by Johannes Brahms. The Kinderchor will close their portion of the concert with the exciting *“The Rhythm of Life”* arranged by John Leavitt.

The Concert Choir, under the direction of Paul Shelor and accompanied by Mary Shelor, will perform works in an international theme that will whisk the audience from the tundra of Norway to the wadis of Israel, from the Balkans of Serbia to the Andes of Peru and from 16th century England to 21st century America. A special highlight will be Ola Gjeilo’s *“Tundra”* which features a string quartet accompaniment.

Free will donations will be collected. The concert is included on the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association season ticket. Season tickets will be for sale at the concert and offer a significant discount over QSOA single admission prices. There will be a reception following the performance in the fellowship hall.

Founded in 1995, the QAYC offers quality vocal training and heightened appreciation of choral music to children in 3rd through 12th grades. 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. Children are selected by audition, and perform two concerts each year, in addition to other performances. The next audition will be held in December.

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