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“Youth Chorus to Perform Fall Concert”

The Quincy Area Youth Chorus will perform their Fall Concert on Saturday, October 30th at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary of Trinity United Church of Christ, 2020 South 24th Street.

The Kinderchor, under the direction of Jessi Kirchner and accompanied by Laura Kammerer, will perform *Festival Sanctus* by John Leavitt., followed by *Al Shlosha D'Varim* by Allan Naplan, to be sung in Hebrew. A well known solo piece, *Homeward Bound* by Carl Strommen, has been arranged for many types of choirs; from children's choirs to men's choirs. The final selection, *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burnin'*, by Greg Gilpin, is an upbeat spiritual piece the audience and singers will definitely enjoy.

Jessi Kirchner is new to the Kinderchor, joining the staff in July. Kirchner is the 6th-12th grade band and choir director for the Canton RV School District in Canton, MO. She is a graduate of Culver-Stockton College, where she was active in the choirs as well as principal flutist of the C-SC Wind Ensemble.

"I'm very excited about this talented group of young singers, and their performance of excellent literature. The Kinderchor has been having fun and enjoying this great music!" says Kirchner.

The Concert Choir, directed by Paul Shelor and accompanied by Mary Shelor, will feature William Boyce's *Alleluia*, the hauntingly beautiful *Sure on this Shining Night* by Samuel Barber, and the fast paced Russian folk song, *Kalinka*. Another work sung completely on solfege is among the others to be performed. Guest musicians assisting the choir are Marianne Peters on oboe and Stephanie Fee on flute.

A free will donation will be collected. Children ages 18 and under and Quincy Symphony season ticket holders will be admitted free of charge. 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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