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For immediate release

The Quincy Area Youth Orchestra will begin a new and exciting season this December! The QAYO provides playing opportunities for student musicians from the tri-state area, allowing them to share and combine talents, improve reading and ensemble skills, perform standard orchestral literature, and to have fun while creating music. Under the direction of Mrs. Christine Beason, the Youth Orchestra will share the annual “Young Artist” Concert on February 15, 2009 with the Quincy Symphony, and will present its Spring Concert on April 24, 2009.

The QAYO will hold auditions for all new and continuing musicians on December 12th and 13th at the Quincy University Music Department, located on North campus lower level on the corner of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Seminary. Prospective members must be in grades 7-12 (qualified 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome) and must have at least three years of playing experience. The audition is required to determine proficiency on the student's instrument and to assign seating within the orchestra. Membership may be limited to maintain a proper balance of instruments in the orchestra. String players are especially encouraged to audition.

For further information or to set up an audition time please contact the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Office at 217/222-2856, or email [qsoa@adams.net](mailto:qsoa@adams.net).