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The Quincy Area Youth Orchestra announces a new season schedule beginning this November! 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 14, 2010 with the Quincy Symphony, and will present its Spring Concert on March 14, 2010.

The QAYO will hold auditions for all new and continuing musicians on November 1 at the Quincy University Music Department, located on North campus lower level on the corner of 18th Street and Seminary. Alternate audition times may be arranged for special circumstances. Prospective members must be in grades 7-12 (qualified 6th 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. All students are encouraged to use audition material used for IMEA or school seating auditions.

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.