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The Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association is pleased to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> annual raffle ticket sale. The QSOA raffle is a fundraising project, with proceeds going directly to support the concert presentations made by the QSOA in the Quincy community.

The first place ticket will win \$1,000, with a second place ticket earning 4 season tickets for the 2010-11 season and a third place ticket earning 2 season tickets for the 2010-11 season. Tickets for the raffle are \$10 each, or 12 tickets for \$100, and can be purchased from any member of the orchestra or chorus. Members of the QSOA board will also engage in a direct sales effort, with a goal of raising \$7,500 for the QSOA season. Early ticket purchases are encouraged, with a special \$250 Early Bird drawing to be held on March 14 at the Quincy Area Youth Orchestra Concert. The winner of the Early Bird drawing will remain eligible for the \$1,000 Grand Prize drawing, to be held at the 2009-10 season finale, entitled "Chichester Psalms", held Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the QJHS Morrison Theatre. The winner need not be present at the drawing to win.

"This is an exciting time for the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association," said board member Jim Reis. "The Quincy community has really embraced the symphony in recognition of over 60 years of contribution to the community's rich artistic heritage. Our attendance has increased significantly, our General Manager Jane Polett was recently recognized as the "General Manager of the Year" by the Illinois Council of Orchestras, and we continue to have the necessary underwriting contributions from a wide-range of generous community supporters. For a community this size to even have a symphony is remarkable, and it is very gratifying to have the kind of civic involvement and support that we have. It is not inexpensive to produce the season, and the financial support we get from season ticket sales, sponsors, annual fund contributions, estate gifts, and even raffle tickets, is really appreciated."

The QSOA, led by conductor Bruce Briney, is celebrating its 62<sup>nd</sup> season, entitled *New Encounters*. The 2009-10 season includes orchestral and chorus concerts and commemorates and explores music by a wide variety of acclaimed composers.

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