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HEROES: The 40th Young Peoples Concerts

In conjunction with the Quincy Public Schools, the Quincy Symphony Orchestra will present the 40th annual Young People's Concerts at Baldwin Intermediate School in Quincy on Wednesday, March 23. Entitled "Heroes", the concert will feature heroic music by composer John Williams and others. Music from films such as *Star Wars*, *Batman*, and the *Indiana Jones* movies will serve as a background for introducing the instruments of the orchestra to thousands of school children and members of the community. Over 3,000 children from over 35 area schools will be attending these 45-minute concerts during the school day.

"For many children, these concerts will be their first live symphonic experience and will be truly eye-opening. Our goal is to inspire children to join their school music program. Participation in musical ensembles teaches character, social, and cognitive skills which are so valuable. And, of course, playing an instrument can bring life-long joy to these kids and to those around them," said Jane Polett, QSOA General Manager. "The concert will please children and adults alike."

Admission is free in fulfillment of the QSOA's mission to bring fine symphonic orchestral and choral music to the region while encouraging young people to foster an interest in live symphonic and choral music. The 11:30 performance is open to the public. The concerts have been made possible by support from Concert Sponsor Refreshment Services Pepsi, and support from Encore! Symphony Volunteer Council, the J. W. Gardner II Foundation, Jack Sharkey Transportation, the Noon Kiwanis Club of Quincy, the city of Quincy, the business and individual members of the Quincy Society of Fine Arts, the Morrison Charitable Music Foundation, the Katherine Broemmel Endowment for the Arts and the Paul H. & Ann B. Gardner Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of the Quincy Area, the Quincy Service League, the Quincy Wal-Mart Superstore, the Stillwell Foundation, the Tracy Family Foundation, the Marion Gardner Jackson Charitable Trust, and by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. Season Sponsors for all QSOA concerts are the Knapheide Manufacturing Company and Dene Lambkin Honda, Hyundai, and Hertz. Call 217-222-2856 or visit www.qsoa.org for more information.