

# Boys' choir a highlight of arts association season

From a world-famous boys' choir to Dixieland jazz to Asian acrobats and "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," the upcoming Western Plains Arts Association season promises a little something for everyone.

One might expect to see the Vienna Boys' Choir in Denver or Kansas City, but in Northwest Kansas? Yes, indeed. The world's most famous boy's choir will be in Colby on Sunday, Feb. 26.

The choir got its start in 1496, when Emperor Maximilian I moved his court orchestra from Innsbruck to Vienna and added a dozen choir boys to the group of musicians. By 1498, says the [europeforvisitors.com](http://europeforvisitors.com) web site, the choir had become a permanent fixture and was charged with singing daily mass in the Imperial Chapel of the Hofburg Palace. When the emperor traveled, the choir frequently went with him, performing in royal courts throughout Europe.

In 1918, the choir changed its name and relinquished the imperial uniform (complete with swords) in favor of sailor suits. As early as 1924, the web site says, the group, now consisting of four separate choirs, was giving guest performances in the world's most famous concert halls.

To maintain a pool of qualified singers and assure a high level of musical quality, the boys' choir has its own boarding school at the Augarten Palace in Vienna. The school has 250 male and female students, who study the normal Austrian curriculum and music from kindergarten through fourth grade.

When they reach age 10, the most talented boys are recruited to sing with the touring choirs. There are four separate choirs with about 100 boys between the ages of 10 and 14. The fruits of the school's labor can be enjoyed in Colby this February with tickets from the Western Plains Arts Association.

Contact Richard Johnson at 890-3510 or at The Madd Hatter's Music Emporium or Eric Yonkey at 890-5877 or [eric@redbrick-road.com](mailto:eric@redbrick-road.com) for season tickets. Adult tickets are \$40; student tickets, \$15. Family and business sponsor packages are available.

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## Jazz, country, handbells and musical on schedule

**Sunday, Sept. 18:** Denver A Cappella Project in Atwood.

**Sunday, Oct. 9:** Whit Smith's Hot Jazz Caravan in Hoxie.

**Thursday, Oct. 13:** Wichita Children's Theatre production of "The Three Little Kittens" in Quinter.

**Sunday, Oct. 30:** The Queen City Jazz Band of Denver in St. Francis.

**Sunday, Nov. 6:** "The Little Engine That Could," will be presented by Arts Power. Location to be announced.

**Sunday, Nov. 13:** Meisenbach and Golden, a flute and harp duo, in Atwood.

**Sunday, Dec. 4:** Red, Hot and Blue, a song and dance revue from Branson, Mo., will present a Christmas show in Colby.

**Sunday, Feb. 5:** Ride into History will present "Fighting Beside My Brother" in Quinter.

Pride of the Prairie Orchestra of Northwest Kansas will come to Goodland sometime January through May. Date to be announced.

**Sunday, Feb. 19:** The Bethany College Handbell Choir of Lindsborg will be in Colby.

**Sunday, Feb. 26:** Vienna Boys Choir in Colby.

**Tuesday, March 14:** Windwood Theatricals will present the zany musical, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" in Oakley.

**Sunday, March 26:** Donna Tucker and jazz quartet will visit Tucker's hometown of Oberlin, performing at the Gateway.

**Sunday, April 9:** The Golden Christmas show in Colby. The Bethany College Handbell

Dragon Acrobats in Hoxie.

**Tuesday, April 18:** The Colorado Children's Chorale will perform in Oakley.

**Sunday, April 30:** The Alfred Packer Memorial String Band in Sharon Springs.

The above listing is a tentative full schedule of the 2005-2006 season, and is subject to change. A more complete and accurate listing will be in the season program booklet which is be available at the opening performance.

Choir of Lindsborg will perform a wide variety of selections in an edu-

memberships on-line and receive detailed programming information all season.

"Quality arts performances continue to be easily accessible throughout northwest Kansas thanks to the Western Plains Arts Association and its many sponsors," said Eric Yonkey, a board member. "My grandmother regularly took me along to area cultural programs. The Vienna Boys' Choir was the first (arts association) program I recall attending back in the mid-'70s. This created in me a passion for attending the performing arts."

The season begins with the Denver A Cappella Project Sunday, Sept. 18, in Atwood. Two seasons ago, the small group amazed their

Goodland audience with their vocal perfection.

Whit Smith's Hot Jazz Caravan will perform country western favorites and other selections in Hoxie.

Goodland, Brewster and three other area elementary schools will be treated to the Wichita Children's Theatre production of "The Three Little Kittens" Thursday and Friday, Oct. 13-14. Quinter will host an evening performance Oct. 13.

The Queen City Jazz Band of Denver will present authentic New Orleans-style Dixieland jazz. The delightful children's favorite, "The Little Engine That Could," will be presented by Arts Power.

Red, Hot and Blue, a song and dance revue from Branson, Mo., will present a vivacious family



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