

Contact:
Kelly Boggs
(614) 469-1045
kboggs@capa.com

Rolanda Copley
(614) 469-1045
rcopley@capa.com

September 19, 2007

THE VIENNA BOYS CHOIR DRAWS FROM RICH MUSICAL HISTORY

The unmistakably pure sound of the **Vienna Boys Choir** will fill the **Palace Theatre** with selections from Mozart, Schubert, Schumann, and Strauss along with traditional folk songs from “Danny Boy” to “La Cucaracha” on **Sunday, October 21** at **5 pm** in a **CAPA** presentation. (Program is subject to change.) The choir will be conducted by **Nikolaus Muller**.

Tickets are \$30, \$25, and \$15 and are Available now at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), any Ticketmaster Outlet, or ticketmaster.com. To charge by phone, call (614) 431-3600 or (614) 469-0939. The Palace Theatre Ticket Office opens two hours before the performance. Students between the ages of 13-19 may purchase \$5 High Five tickets while they are available.

The Vienna Boys Choir traces its roots back over 500 years. It began as a group of six court singers for Emperor Maximilian I in 1498. When the Emperor moved his court and court musicians to Vienna, he specified that six boys be included among the musicians.

In 1918 the Habsburg Empire broke down and the choir was on the brink of dissolution. Josef Schnitt turned it into a private institution, but funding to pay for the boys' upkeep was elusive. In 1926, the choir began giving concerts outside the chapel, performing motets, secular works, and—at the boys' request—children's operas. The impact was amazing. Within a year, the choir performed in Berlin (with Erich Kleiber conducting), Prague, and Zurich. Athens and Riga followed in 1928, then Spain, France, Denmark, Norway, and Sweden in 1929, the US in 1932, Australia in 1934 and South America in 1936.

—MORE—

Today, the Vienna Boys Choir consists of approximately 100 choristers between the ages of 10 and 14, divided into four touring choirs. Each group spends nine to 11 weeks of the school year on tour, visiting virtually all European countries as well as being frequent guests in Asia, Australia, and the Americas.

Drawing from their rich musical tradition and history—famous composers like Franz Shubert and Joseph Haydn are among their alumni—the four choirs give approximately 300 concerts and performances each year in front of nearly a half million people. The choir’s repertoire includes everything from medieval to contemporary and experimental music. Motets and lieder for boys’ choir form the core of the touring repertoire, as do the choir’s own arrangements of waltzes and polkas by Strauss.

The scheduled program offers several renaissance and early baroque selections including excerpts from *Come Ye Sons of Art* (Purcell) and *Ave Maria* (Arcadelt), as well as *Kyrie*, *Gloria* and *Agnus Dei* from *Missa Brevis* (Britten). A variety of pieces from Johann Strauss are also scheduled to be performed including *Sängerlust* (*Joy of Singing*), *Vergnügungszug* (*Amusement Train*), and *Wiener Blut* (*Viennese Spirits*). For a complete program (always subject to change), visit www.capa.com.

The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this program with state dollars to encourage economic growth, education excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. CAPA also appreciates the support of The Columbus Foundation, assisting donors and others in strengthening our community for the benefit of all its citizens, and the Greater Columbus Arts Council, supporting the city’s artists and arts organizations since 1973.

Owner/operator of downtown Columbus’ magnificent historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex (Columbus) and the Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), **CAPA** is an award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment. For more information, visit www.capa.com.

CALENDAR LISTING

CAPA Presents THE VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

Sunday, October 21, 5 pm

Palace Theatre (34 W. Broad St.)

The unmistakably pure sound of The Vienna Boys Choir will fill the **Palace Theatre** with selections from Mozart, Schubert, Schumann, and Strauss along with traditional folk songs from “Danny Boy” to “La Cucaracha.” **Tickets** are \$30, \$25, and \$15 and are available at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), any Ticketmaster Outlet, or ticketmaster.com. To charge by phone, call (614) 431-3600 or (614) 469-0939. The Palace Theatre Ticket Office opens two hours before the performance. Students between the ages of 13-19 may purchase \$5 High Five tickets while they are available.

###