



# Nebraska Choral Arts Society

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### **“I’ve Only Stopped Awhile”** 2008 Sarpy County Choir Concert

**For Immediate Release**  
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**WHAT:** Ninth Annual Sarpy County Choir Concert  
This year’s theme: “I’ve Only Stopped Awhile”

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 3 – 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Life Spring Church, 13904 South 36<sup>th</sup> Street

**TICKETS:** Free and open to the public. Freewill offering accepted

**MEDIA RSVP:** Photos encouraged. Please contact Marjorie Maas at 402.991.1560 to confirm attendance.

*Omaha, Neb.* – “The Ragazzi choirs are planning a very busy spring!” exclaimed Cody Talarico, conductor of the Nebraska Choral Arts Society choirs Ragazzi Children and Ragazzi Youth. “From tours to collaboration concerts and our season concerts, Ragazzi is also planning a special gift to the citizens of Sarpy County.”

A tradition began by former Ragazzi Conductor, Tom Michalek, Ragazzi Youth and Ragazzi Children are pleased to continue the annual Sarpy County Choir Concert. This year theme is “I’ve Only Stopped Awhile,” performed on Saturday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m. at Life Spring Church (13904 South 36<sup>th</sup> Street). This year, Ragazzi Children and Ragazzi Youth will be joined by other NCAS choirs Cantori and CAST (Choral Arts Society Teens).

“This concert will give us a great goal to work toward,” stated Jon Gathje, Cantori conductor. “Yes! It’ll be nice to show off what CAST has been working on, especially as we get ready for the season finale pops concert,” added Kat Doebel, CAST Conductor.

The concert will feature a wide variety of music from this year’s season and tours of Ragazzi Children, Ragazzi Youth, CAST, and Cantori. This concert is free and open to the public with a freewill donation accepted.

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“This concert gives us wonderful opportunity to show off Ragazzi since they rehearse right here in Sarpy County as well as the entire organization by having Cantori and CAST join us,” stated Talarico. “It’s truly a highlight of the season for Ragazzi and a feather in our cap down here in Sarpy County.”

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### **Nebraska Choral Arts Society**

The Nebraska Choral Arts Society, a non-profit organization founded in 1978, is the umbrella of the Masterworks Chorus, CAST (Choral Arts Society Teens) and the Nebraska Children’s Chorus. Its mission is to share the gift of great choral music, inspire new generations with the love of choral singing, and broaden its reach and exposure of choir music to all ages and cultures. Eight choirs make up the Nebraska Choral Arts Society, performing throughout the year in various venues in Omaha and across the country. The most advanced choirs of NCAS have performed internationally in choral music festivals and concerts in Europe, Asia and Africa. For more information, visit [www.choirmusic.org](http://www.choirmusic.org).

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