

Decatur High School

Presents a

# Spring Concert

featuring

Chamber Chorus

Concert Chorus

Women's Chorus

Men's Chorus

Carl B. Davis, Director

Beth A. Davis, Accompanist

Decatur High School Auditorium

Sunday, May 2, 1999

## Program

Somagwaza ..... arr. Kaptein

Somagwaza is a South African song performed as part of an initiation ceremony. The song most often sung as the initiates run down the river to wash off the ceremonial clay with which they have decorated themselves. A word-for-word translation is impossible, but the essential meaning of the text is: "One who is old enough to carry one's own spear no longer needs one's mother."

Danny Boy ..... arr. Weatherly

Sometimes I feel Like a Motherless Child ..... arr. DeCormier

### Women's Chorus

Drunken Sailor ..... arr. Crocker

Cripple Creek ..... arr. Crocker

### Men's Chorus

Shut de do ..... arr. Hayes

Praise to the Lord ..... arr. Distler

Ain't-a-That Good News ..... Dawson

Benediction ..... arr. Goldsmith

### Concert Chorus

Since First I Saw Your Face ..... Dowland

Il bianco e dolce cigno ..... Arcedelt

Pasttime With Good Company ..... Dowland

Dear Parents and Friends,

On behalf of the DHS Choral Department, I extend to you a hearty welcome to our annual spring concert. It is my pleasure to teach some of the finest students in Decatur. The greatest reward of my efforts is to watch these students mature socially, and skillfully over nine months of rehearsal. It is intrinsically satisfying to observe these students growing in knowledge and skill in an activity which they may enjoy for the remainder of their lives.

Parents, you are to be given much credit for the success of this department's success. The support you have shown this year and by your presence today is greatly appreciated. Without your help, much would have been left undone. The number of volunteers is too numerous to list, beginning with the donut sale this fall and continuing until state festival this past Thursday. In eight years of teaching, I have never enjoyed such a large pool of talented and initiative filled parents.

Carl B. Daivs  
Choral Director