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### Let's Hear It for the Boys!

Kansas City, MO—The Folly Theater will be “where the boys are” this summer as Heartland Men’s Chorus presents *HeartThrobs: The Best of the Boy Bands* on June 13 and 14. After last summer’s sold-out performances of *Divas!*, which saluted iconic women of popular music, the Chorus turns its attention to the men of pop.

The final concert of the Chorus’ 2008-2009 season, *HeartThrobs* features songs made popular by male vocal ensembles from the 1950s to today.

“The term ‘boy band’ is a recent phenomenon,” artistic director Dr. Joe Nadeau noted. “But male vocal ensembles have been prominent in popular music decades before the phrase was coined.”

Arranged chronologically, the concert will begin with an emphasis on the doo-wop sound as the men of HMC croon early rock ‘n’ roll hits. Among the songs featured are “Shout” (recorded by The Isley Brothers in 1959, and covered by many bands in the 1960s), “Stand By Me,” “In the Still of the Night” and “Under the Boardwalk.” The later 1960s are represented with songs popularized by the Beach Boys and The Beatles.

Fans of the disco era will enjoy songs from the Bee Gees, KC & the Sunshine Band and Village People. Seventies hits of the non-disco variety include “Hotel California” (The Eagles), “After the Love is Gone” (Earth Wind & Fire) and “I’ll Be There” (the Jackson Five).

Queen, Styx, Kool and the Gang, Culture Club and Duran Duran get time in the spotlight as the Chorus sings songs of the 1980s and 1990s. The final songs of the concert will highlight the contemporary boy bands \*NSYNC and Backstreet Boys, before closing with the timeless hit “Goodnight, Sweetheart, Goodnight.”

An onstage disc jockey will guide the audience through each decade. Nadeau has assembled a rock band, including synthesizers, guitar, bass and drums to accompany the Chorus for this high-energy concert. In addition, he’s enlisted the help of choreographer Tracie Davis (who appeared as a guest dancer in HMC’s *Jerry’s Boys* concert) to create dance numbers. “We’ll have a small group of dancers doing the really difficult moves, but the entire chorus will be dancing throughout the concert,” Nadeau said.

Tickets for *HeartThrobs: The Best of the Boy Bands* are available now at [www.hmckc.org](http://www.hmckc.org) or by calling (816) 931-3338.

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