

May 12, 2009

Contact: Jill Hurwitz, 312.742.1149  
jhurwitz@cityofchicago.org

Lauren Hammond, 312.742.5515  
lauren.hammond@cityofchicago.org

**“Living the Divine”  
Anima-Young Singers of Greater Chicago**

**Anima’s Chorus Presents Daniel Brewbaker’s Composition  
In Millennium Park Sunday, May 31 at 6:30 PM**

Anima-Young Singers of Greater Chicago will be performing at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park this summer, on Sunday, May 31 at 6:30 pm. The touring chorus, which is made up of approximately 70 young people ranging from sixth to twelfth grade, will be joined by special guest artists; Susanne Mentzer, renowned mezzo-soprano, Cynthia Yeh, principal percussion, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and William Buhr, acclaimed Chicago pianist.

The group will perform “Living the Divine”, New York composer Daniel Brewbaker’s groundbreaking and passionate new work. In “Living the Divine” Brewbaker explores the common human elements of hope, love, faith, humor, the beauty of nature and the joy of life. The composition borrows from mystic poets from the 8th to 17th centuries who have provided inspiring texts from the anthology Love Poems from God: Sacred Voices of the East and West, translated by Daniel Ladinsky. The piece is varied and full of color, with a range of percussion and mezzo-soprano.

Anima was founded in 1964, and for most of its history was known as the Glen Ellyn Children’s Chorus. As the group incorporated young people from more than 30 communities, they decided on a new name that would be more representative of who they are. Anima, which means life, breath, soul and spirit, better reflects their mission to “provide experiences of excellence in choral singing that enliven and shape young lives.”

There are approximately 250 youths involved in the group’s weekly program and about 1,000 involved in their community programs. They perform a wide range of music from the classics and music from different world cultures to American jazz, gospel and contemporary works.

Millennium Park is located in the heart of downtown Chicago. It is bordered by Michigan Ave. to the west, Columbus Dr. to the east, Randolph St. to the north and Monroe St. to the south. Convenient parking is located in the Millennium Park Garage

(entrance on Columbus at Monroe or Randolph) and at the Grant Park North and East Monroe Garages, all located within a short walking distance to Millennium Park.

Millennium Park, managed and programmed by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, is an award-winning center for art, music, architecture and landscape design. The result of a unique partnership between the City of Chicago and the philanthropic community, the 24.5-acre park features the work of world-renowned architects, planners, artists and designers. Among Millennium Park's prominent features are the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States; the interactive Crown Fountain by Jaume Plensa; the contemporary Lurie Garden designed by the team of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel; and Anish Kapoor's hugely popular Cloud Gate sculpture. Since its opening in July 2004, Millennium Park has welcomed more than 16 million of people, making it one of the most popular destinations in Chicago.

For more information about Millennium Park, call 312.742.1168 or visit [www.millenniumpark.org](http://www.millenniumpark.org).

###

NOTE: For electronic images, contact Lauren Hammond at [lauren.hammond@cityofchicago.org](mailto:lauren.hammond@cityofchicago.org)