

Last year 22 singers came together and formed The Heritage Singers through the Urbana Institute of Religion. The year included two concerts, a program for the Champaign Stake Fireside, and a performance at the Mormon History Association convention in Springfield, IL. The Heritage Singers will begin their second year with a program entitled "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing". The choir will be performing sacred songs of praise in various languages from such distant lands as Nigeria, England, Russia, Ireland, and Israel, among others.

All members in east central Illinois of institute age (and any friends or neighbors who are also interested) are invited to join. The first rehearsal will be Saturday, October 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Urbana Institute Building located at 402 South Lincoln. We look forward to performing in stake and civic functions. Although you do not need to be an experienced singer to participate, there will be a brief group audition during the first rehearsal. You don't need to prepare anything for the audition. The director will teach you a section of a piece at the beginning of rehearsal and you will need to be able to demonstrate that you can match pitch and blend in with your section during the group audition.

The choir is directed by Danny McDavitt, a member of the Urbana ward. Brother McDavitt received his master's degree in choral conducting from BYU, where he taught classes for music majors and worked with the BYU choirs. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in conducting at the University of Illinois.