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UMM ARTIST SERIES TOAPRESENT VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

The famed voices of the Vienna Boys Choir will be heard in concert at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 in Edson Hall at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The performance will be the sixth of the University Artist Course series.

The choir, made up of 22 boys between the ages of eight and fourteen, is presented by Impresario S. Hurok. Now on their seventeenth tour of this country, the boys have sung in all of America's leading concert halls and theatres. Equally well-known through-out the world, they appear regularly in the Orient as well as in the Western capitals.

Founded almost 500 years ago by imperial decree of the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I, this highly trained boys choir was exclusively controlled by the Hapsburg Court until the fall of the Empire in 1918. Following that time, the historic Seminary School - home of the choir - had to depend on itself for support and the public concerts were initiated in 1926.

Fewer than 100 boys, ten per-cent of the number of applicants, are admitted to the school in Vienna yearly. The boys study at the institution for two years before they are permitted to go on tour.