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TOM GANSER Lake Geneva Times

The Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra perform Beethoven's 9th Symphony to a crowd of more than 850 at the Young Auditorium on the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus on March 16. This was the first time the orchestra performed the piece.

Symphony Orchestra presents Beethoven's 9th

Concert at UW-W's Young Auditorium attracts nearly 900 guests

By Tom Ganser
CORRESPONDENT

An important chapter in the history of the Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra was written with the performance of Symphony No. 9 by Ludwig van Beethoven March 16 before an audience of more than 850 in Young Auditorium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

In addition to being the first time the orchestra performed the piece since its founding in 2001 in Whitewater, it may have been the first time that the massive symphony has been performed in Walworth County, given the musical demands of the symphony and the large chorus it requires.

The all-volunteer orchestra of 75 musicians from southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois teamed up with a chorus of 150 comprised of students from the UW-W Chamber Singers and Concert Choir, the University of Northern Iowa Concert Chorale, and the Moody Chorale from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

The four soloists featured in the elaborate and familiar choral setting for Friedrich Schiller's poem, "An die Freude," ("Ode to Joy"), were UW-W faculty members Brian Leeper (bass) and Rachel Wood (mezzo-soprano), along with Desirée Hassler (soprano) and John Concepcion (tenor), both members of the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Composed between 1822 and

1824, and first performed in Vienna on May 7, 1824, Symphony No. 9 was Beethoven's last complete symphony and the first precedent-breaking example of a major composer using voices in a "choral symphony."

According to the critic for the "Theater-Zeitung," an Austrian journal, "the public received the musical hero with the utmost respect and sympathy, listened to his wonderful, gigantic creations with the most absorbed attention and broke out in jubilant applause, often during sections, and repeatedly at the end of them."

The audience raised handker-

chiefs, hats, and hands in the air during the ovations so that Beethoven, nearly totally deaf by this time, could at least see the ovations.

The LGSO performance of Beethoven's majestic symphony was the culmination of the orchestra's massive nine-year "Beethoven Project" that began in February 2011, with a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 and that featured a different Beethoven symphony each season.

To the surprise of audience members who have never attended an LGSO concert before, the concert

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The Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra is directed by David Anderson.

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By Cathy Kozlowski
CORRESPONDENT

After receiving the a church survey recent out, the Walworth County Transportation Coord Committee agreed to further at ways of pro increased services for with mobility issues c Sundays and holidays April 1 meeting.

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