

Street Corner Symphony to perform in Holyoke

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A new and exciting a cappella sextet based in Nashville, Tenn. has arrived on the contemporary a cappella scene and will appear in Holyoke Thursday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Holyoke High School auditorium as part of the Phillips County Arts Council series.

Street Corner Symphony was accepted to compete in The Sing-Off for 2010—the hit reality show for vocal ensembles on NBC TV. They almost won the \$100,000 prize and the recording contract, but ended up as the runner-up, after four weeks of intense competition from nine other great a cappella groups.

The group is comprised of two sets of brothers, one of which are the grandsons of legendary gospel singer Bill Shaw from The Blackwood Brothers. Further, five of the members are preachers' kids and grew up with great church music.

Even with this religious and gospel background—Street Corner Symphony has an expansive repertoire including songs from the Nylons, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, The Beach Boys, John Denver, Stevie Wonder, Tears for Fears, Earth Wind and Fire, Michael McDonald, Elvis, The Beatles and even current hit makers Train and U2. In addition, they have a good list of original songs.

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