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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--The Vienna Choir Boys are a striking mixture of antiquity and youth. As an organization they are 484 years old. As current performers their ages range from 8 to 14.

They will sing at Eastern Illinois University on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. in McAfee Gym. Tickets for the general public are priced at \$6.50. Children under 12 will be admitted for \$2.50, the same price charged Eastern students.

The Vienna Choir Boys were established in 1498 by imperial decree and have existed since that time. Their first tour, in 1926, was to Switzerland. Today there are four choirs--two perform at home and two are on tour.

Only a fraction of the thousands of applicants are accepted. Discipline is strict (at one time a teacher would pull the ears of any boy who missed a note) and a rigorous education program is maintained. Subjects taught include German literature, English, mathematics, history, science, and gym.

Each boy receives an intense education in music. Requirements for admission include a fine voice and a natural music talent and each student is expected to compose and to play an instrument in addition to singing.