



The Czech Choir

CAMERA CHABRA

Saturday, September 3 11:00 AM

**ST WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
1224 5th St SE
Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

Admission: FREE A free will offering is appreciated and will go to the New Bohemia Arts Festival

CAMERA CHABRA was founded in 2005 by and has as its coordinator PhDr. Vera Dousova. The choir's conductor is Professor Lubomír Mátl, professor at the Academy of music in Prague and in Brno, chief conductor of the Rossini festival in Pesaro, the Opera festival in Dublin, and other important world festivals. The choir participates in many music festivals throughout Europe each year.

Since the inception of the choir, it has been enthusiastically supported by the Foreign Ministry of the Czech Republic not only because the choir performs widely in their Czech homeland, but also due to the fact that they visit compatriots living abroad and the choir continues to refresh and teach them the Czech national songs. The main goal of the choir is to preserve the language and folk culture of their ancestors.

The repertoire

of the choir Camera Chabra consists of Czech national songs as well as classical and spiritual music such as: *Biblical Songs* by Antonína Dvořák, J. F. Handel: *Canticorum*; Franz Kraft: *Benedicamus Domino*; Mokranijac: *You praise Boga*; Leoš Janáček: *Hukvaldy song Zy Hukvaldy churches, the Lord God will pay, The Nature-cycle* by Antonína Dvořák and Moravian Duets by Antonína Dvořák; Arcadelt: *Ave Maria*; B. Smetana: *Why we enjoyed*, and numerous Czech national songs (Ceské národní písně)