

# Grand River Rainbow Historical Project

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*celebrating the lives and times of rainbow folk in Grand River country*

## *Rainbow Chorus Events (1995- )*

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*Waterloo Wellington Chorus of  
Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals & Friends*

**RAINBOW CHORUS**

*presents*

**Voices of  
Freedom**



*Seasonal Songs of  
Celebration*

**JOHN TUTE** *Artistic Director*

**CHARMAINE MARTIN** *Accompanist*

**CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1997, 8PM**

P R O G R A M M E

*The Hope of Freedom*

Alleluia, Rejoice!

Freedom Come

O Come All Ye Faithful

*A Bearer of Freedom*

The Angel Gabriel

A La Nanita Nana

Silent Night

Riu, Riu, Chiu

*Freedom Realized*

Angels We Have Heard on High

Celebrate the Feast of Lights

Do You Hear What I Hear?

INTERMISSION

*Sharing Our Freedom*

Hey Ho Nobody Home

Yule-tide Fires

Good King Wenceslas

*Freedom to be Different*

Brother Heinrich's Christmas

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Christmas Day

J. Edmund Hughes, arr.

Ben Allaway

Wendell Martin, solo

Birgit Niggebaum-Purvis, sop; Elly Crowe,  
Cory Waechter, Roz Adelberg, alto;  
Wendell Martin, tenor; Murray Jose,  
Michael Rouse, bass

Traditional, Suba Sankaran, arr.

Danika Van Proosdij, solo

Traditional, Sherri Porterfield, arr.

Kim Bolton, Tracy Sheperd, sop; Joilyn Martin,  
alto; John Tute, tenor; Dan Kelley, bass

anonymous, Sixteenth Century  
Dan Kelley, Michael Rouse, duet

Sue Gadbois, Shari Lynn Ladanchuk, sop;

Jenn Lockhart, Joilyn Martin, alto;

Gordon Dunbar, tenor; Lorne Gretsinger, bass;

Sally K Albrecht and Lois Brownsey

Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne;

Harry Simeone, arr.

Traditional

Diane Loomer

Jen Bauer, Kim Bolton, Jonah Wainberg, sop;

Jen Lockhart, Danika Van Proosdij, alto;

Gordon Dunbar, John Tute, tenor;

Murray Jose, bass

John Rutter

Andrew Strachan, narrator

Neill Kernohan, organist

Birgit Niggebaum-Purvis, sop; Elly Crowe,

Cory Waechter, Roz Adelberg, alto;

Wendell Martin, tenor; Michael Rouse, bass

Gustav Holst

Shari Lynn Ladanchuk, sop; Murray Jose, bass



TRANSLATIONS

*Alleluia, Rejoice*

Today Christ is born: today the Saviour has appeared: today the Angels sing,  
today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

*Riu, Riu, Chiu*

Riu, riu, chiu, Guard our homes in safety.

God has kept the black wolf from our lamb, our Lady.

Raging mad to bite her, there the wolf did steal,

But our God Almighty defended her with zeal.

Pure He wished to keep her so she could never sin;

That first sin of man never touched this virgin sainted.

He who's now begotten is our mighty Monarch,

Christ our Holy Father in human flesh embodied.

He has brought atonement by being born so humble;

Though He is immortal, as mortal was created.

Many ancient prophets told that He would come;

Now within our own time we know it has come true.

God in shape of human we see on earth's domain,

Man in heaven reigns, so He wished it done to aid us.

Herons by the thousand I see flying, singing;

High above me sounding, a thousand songs of praise,

In sweet voices saying, may glory be on High,

Peace on earth, they cry, born is Jesus long awaited.

He has come to offer life to dead and dying,

He comes to atone for the fall of all mankind;

Light of hope, far shining, is He, this baby boy,

Lamb of God, our joy, just as good Saint John related.

In His wish to please us, God could do no other,

Loving us so deeply, than make of her a mother.

He who was His Father was born of her tonight;

He who gave her life, was His own Son mild and gracious.

We have now the very One we've always prayed for.

Let's all go as neighbors and presents we will bear.

Let's no longer tarry our love and faith to give,

Since He came to live here among us as our Savior.

*You are invited to join us for a reception  
following tonight's concert.*



## RAINBOW CHORUS

*of Waterloo Wellington Region*

Now in its third season, the Rainbow Chorus is establishing a strong tradition of choral excellence in an open, accepting and caring social environment.

The chorus has performed a Christmas concert; a 1996 Spring concert, Global Harmonies; a 1996 Fall concert with Carlo Friesen; a 1997 Winter Concert, Winter Song; a 1997 Spring Concert, A Lovers' Tryst; and has performed twice at Toronto's Gay Pride Day.

Anyone interested in membership or in providing support services for the chorus is encouraged to speak to a chorus member or to the director.

## PERFORMERS

Roz Adelberg	Jenn Lockhart
Jan Baker	Charmaine Martin
Jennifer Bauer	Jolyn Martin
Kim Bolton	Wendell Martin
Shore Charnoe	Dennis McKibbin
Joanne Coyle	Birgit Niggebaum-Purvis
Elly Crowe	Marg Perchaluk
Sandy Dorley	Pat Richards
Gordon Dunbar	Jan Robertson
Sue Gadbois	Michael Rouse
Laurence Grant	Tracy Shepherd
Lorne Gretsinger	Alan Small
Kallie Honeywood	Alan Spreadbury
Murray Jose	Norris Turner
Fred Kay	John Tute
Dan Kelley	Danika Van Proosdij
Neill Kernohan	Cory Waechter
Shari Lynn	Jonah Wainberg
Ladanchuk	
Ray Legge	

## GUEST ARTISTS

Douglas Brownlee  
Andrew Strachan

## JOHN TUTE *Artistic Director*

John holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Voice Performance from Wilfrid Laurier University and a Master of Music degree in Church Music from Westminster Choir College. While there, he studied voice and conducting and was featured as a soloist with the Westminster Choir on tours throughout the United States and at the Spoleto Festivals in Charleston and Italy.

As conductor of the University of Waterloo Choir, John has presented Benjamin Britten's *St. Nicolas* and *The Company of Heaven*, Faure's *Requiem*, Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*, Mozart's *Vespers*, Handel's *Chandos Anthem no. 9* and the Canadian premier of Ben Allaway's *Bandari: Inside these Walls*.

John has been the conductor of Rainbow Chorus of Guelph since the fall of 1995. He maintains a private voice studio in Waterloo.

## CHARMAINE MARTIN

### *Accompanist*

Charmaine is a pianist who enjoys a diverse musical career. As well as playing for the Rainbow Chorus, she is a rehearsal accompanist for the Guelph Children's Singers and church pianist at Stirling Avenue Mennonite in Kitchener. She has worked with many instrumental and vocal soloists and accompanies several music classes at Eastwood Collegiate Institute in Kitchener. She also teaches piano to a wide variety of students in her hometown of Elmira. Charmaine feels that the completion of her Hons. B.Mus. in performance at WLU in 1995 was just the beginning of her lifelong pursuit of studying and performing music.



*Our next performance  
will be a cabaret concert on February 28*