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Rainbow Chorus Events (1995-)

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The Rainbow Chorus

Of Waterloo/Wellington County

Presents:

WINTER SOLACE

(Christmas Leftovers)

A choral performance Conducted by: Rob Phillips

January 16th, 1999 Eight o' clock

Westwood United Church, 577 Willow Road, Guelph.

Tickets: \$10.00 general admission \$ 6.00 seniors and students

Rob Phillips

Music Director

Rob came to Ontario from Michigan in 1993. Prior to arriving in Canada, he served as Choir Director in churches in Virginia and Michigan. From 1985 – 1990 he was the Music Director of the Schubert Male Chorus of Port Huron. A native of Boston Massachusetts, he has performed for several seasons with the Elora Singers and as Tenor Section Lead for Te Deum in Hamilton until the spring of 1997. He has appeared as soloist with several orchestras including the International Symphony. Mr. Phillips is the Director of Music for Calvin Presbyterian and The Children's' Arts Program in Kitchener, as well as Director of Camp Poco a Poco, a summer music camp for children. Commencing in September of this year, Mr. Phillips assumed the duties of Music Director with both the Rainbow Chorus and the Coro Cultural Italiano di Guelph. He is continuing his musical studies at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Amy Elder

Accompanist

Currently, Amy is a percussionist in the honours music performance program at Wilfrid Laurier University. Amy has performed with; the Wind Ensemble, the Symphony Orchestra along with the WLU choir in performances of *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff. Accompanying experience began while studying piano under the late Verna Pegelo of Chesley and includes experience with church choirs in Desboro and Chesley. Amy continues to accompany various performers in recital and master class and is working towards graduate studies.

Erin Brophy

OBOIST

Erin Brophy grew up in North Bay Ontario, where she began her studies with the oboe at the age of 14. She is currently in her third year at Wilfrid Laurier University where she is completing a bachelor of music degree in oboe performance under the direction of James Mason —principal oboist for the KW Symphony. Erin plans to continue her studies at a graduate level. Her accompanist this evening is **Heidi Lindschinger**.

Programme

WINTER SONG GINGER STARLING

A DREAM OF CHIRSTMAS GUSTAV HOLST

SACRED CIRCLE RUTH HUBBER

JESUS CHRIST THE APPLE TREE ELIZABETH POSTON

KING JESUS HATH A GARDEN DUTCH TUNE

JOINING VAN WAFFLE

SING ME A SONG LEONARD ENNS

SELECTIONS FROM SONGS OF NATURE

ANTONIN DVORAK

MELODIES STEAL INTO MY HEART

VESPER BELLS RING

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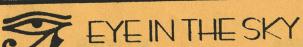
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Tenor Jan Neil Jeff Tom lan	Baker Kernohan Michaud Stinson Macpherson (guest)	Bass Robert Murray Leslie Van	Bojeczko Jose Smith Waffle

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Looking Back

In November 1994 four people collaborated to create a social activity that could represent our diverse community as well as provide a vehicle through which that diversity would be visible to our greater community. Murray Jose, Kevin Fallowfield — who has since passed away- Robert Bojeczko and Glen Pelshea agreed that a community choir, might meet the requirements. Through a choir of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Friends some of the perceived barriers about sexual diversity might be addressed in a safe and respectful manner through the universal language of music.

The foursome got to work and rehearsals began in January 1995 with perhaps a dozen participants at St. George's Anglican Church and Rob Gascho conducted the rehearsals. Murray Jose was given the role of founding chair. In February of 1995 rehearsals moved to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. In the spring of 1995 the choir performed its first debut at the AIDS WALK for the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington county. The choir also began the process of developing a mission statement and made application for non-profit status. A first draught of bylaws and a mission statement was completed in 1995.

In the fall of 1995 a new director was found for the choir. John Tute, an established teacher and performer, led the choir to new heights. John conducted the first Christmas concert performed by the Rainbow Chorus at Chalmers United Church in Guelph where the choir executed challenging pieces such as "FANTASIA" by Vaughn Williams. Future concerts conducted by John included; "Lover's Tryst", a concert with Kate Friesen, two more Christmas concerts and a two night Cabaret. During John's tenure, the choir attracted many members from as far away as Grimsby and membership swelled to fourty-five.

A key aspect of the Rainbow Chorus is to participate in community events, such as: a vigil for the Montreal Massacre, Toronto and Kitchener Gay Pride Days and union (wedding) ceremonies.

Today the Choir is conducted by Rob Phillips. Rob is an accomplished soloist and conductor. This is the Choir's first performance with Rob at the helm. We look forward to a successful and ongoing partnership with Rob Phillips.

