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

Rainbow Chorus Events (1995-)

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Rainbow
Chorus
Presents:

Hosted by:

Sandy Stauffer
&
Paul Gallant



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Musical Director
Gordon Burnett

maintains an active career as conductor, teacher and singer. Previous conducting experience has included the Jubilate Singers of North York, the Milton Choristers and the Repertory Chorus, Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto. This month he will be completing eight years as Director of Music at St. John's-Kilmarnock School, a private co-educational day-school near Maryhill. As a singer, Gordon is a regular member of the critically acclaimed Taetus Vocal Ensemble, a professional octet specializing in the music of the Renaissance. Taetus has been featured on CBC Radio and at the Guelph Spring Festival. In addition, he has been a member of the Elora Festival Singers, the Elmer Iseler Singers, and the Tafelmusik Cha.

Program

New York, New York - Theme from New York, New York

Over The Rainbow - E.Y. Harburg, Harold Arlen

Oliver - Medley - Lionel Bart, Frank Netis

Some of my Best Friends are STRAIGHT!!! - Jane Field, John Sebraq

Intermission (bring on the cocktails!)

West Side Story - Medley - Stephen Sondheim, Leonard Bernstein

Reflection - From Mulan - Mathew Wilder, David Zippel
Joilyn Martin & Murray Jose

Hold On - from The Secret Garden

Flying Free - Don Besig
Flute accompanist: Karen Partanen

Together Proud and STRONG - Anthem for the 1993 March on Washington - Lynn Thomas

Intermission (more cocktails please)

I'm Beautiful Dammit! - From "Bath House Betty"
Joilyn Martin

In This Heart - Sinéad O'Connor
Karen Partanen, Sylvie Plamondon, Robert Bojczko, Leslie Smith

Sooner or Later - from the film "DICK TRACY"
Murray Jose

You don't own me - John Madara, David White
Cory Waechter, Margie Johnson, Dave Vervoort

Bring Him Home - "Les Miserables"
Tom Stinson

I Am What I Am - from the Broadway Musical "La Cage Aux Folles"

New York, New York - Reprise

Accompanist
Catherine Robertson

was born in Stratford. After early lessons, she received her ARCT in piano performance. She continued her studies at Queen's University under Dr. Ireneus Zuk and graduated with highest honours. Catherine also pursued her interests in vocal pedagogy and conducting while studying at Queen's. She has been the recipient of National and International piano competition awards.

Catherine became Director of Music at St. John's-Kilmarnock School where she founded the Kilmarnock Singers. In 1986, she took a leave of absence to study piano in England with Kendall Taylor C.B.E. She completed a Licentiate at the Royal Academy of Music (LRAM) and returned to Canada. In 1997, Catherine received a Masters Degree in piano performance and literature from the University of Western Ontario.

Catherine was a consort member with the prestigious Tafelmusik Chamber and sings with the Elora Festival Singers. She is a founding member and director of the Renaissance Vocal Ensemble Taetus. She has performed extensively, giving workshops, adjudicating festivals and coaching professional musicians. Catherine has been featured with many ensembles on CBC radio.

Choir Members

Sopranos

- Kim Bolton
- Joanne Coyle
- Sue Gadbois
- Birgit Niggelbaum-Purvis
- Karen Partanen

Altos

- Elly Crowe
- Margie Johnson
- Marg Perchaluk
- Sylvie Plamondon
- Jan Robertson
- Cory Waechter

Tenors

- Jan Baker
- Robert Bojczko
- Brad Douglas
- David Vervoort

Basso

- Murray Jose
- Leslie Smith
- Riek Beutler

Guest Appearances

- Joilyn Martin
- Tom Stinson



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Some Thoughts

It's hard to believe that it's Pride 2000 already. Almost a new millenium, and getting ever so close to being recognized as equal citizens with equal rights and status in this glorious country we live in. Yet still, the hatred and intolerance and perhaps worst of all the TOLERANCE - an inconspicuous and insidious acknowledgement of a perceived deviant behavior - continues. In spite of all, Rainbow Chorus continues to offer the opportunity to the GLBT and Friends community to battle ignorance about the GLBT community through the universal language of Music. The Friends part is important to us, with them we stand stronger and together is well, better. So, if you are musically inclined and have the time to make a firm commitment to a choir with a message, please ask one of our members about joining us at rehearsals, or perhaps pitching in and helping out in some other way.

This past year has been a challenging one for us, and has had many rewards. For the first time, we have participated in local performances with other choral groups in the region. We were also thrilled that we were asked to participate in a Mathew Shephard vigil at the University of Guelph, and at a World AIDS Day service hosted by the Miriam Group from Burlington. Being part of the community is important to us, and for next year we are planning only two concerts to free us up for more community sponsored events.

Next year looks exciting, as we hopefully enter the year with our charitable status. It has been a long time in the making, and with status, we hope to attract more corporate sponsors, which will make singing much easier. Over the summer we will be looking to hire a new musical director that can meet the challenges of a diverse and inspired choir. We will also be resuming our successful dances in September, so keep a look out for posters in your community.

We would like to thank the Pride Committee for inviting Rainbow Chorus to participate in this year's PRIDE celebrations in a more significant way. Finally, we would like to thank all of you who have supported Rainbow Chorus, either by attending our concerts/dances, by helping out financially or with your gift of time. As a choir we have a dream, a dream that can only be realized with your continued support. So Get OUT, Stay OUT and enjoy this year's Celebration.

Thank you.

