

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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Sing 'n Swing



with the Rainbow Chorus!

Artistic Director: Robert Miller

Accompanist: Alison MacNeill

Jazz Ensemble: Brian Hayman Trio

March 23, 2002 at 8 pm

Harcourt United Church

87 Dean Ave., Guelph

Robert Miller - Artistic Director

Most of the music in tonight's concert belongs to my parents' generation. I was a child of the 50's and remember playing many of these loved songs for my parents and their friends at parties and get-togethers.

I have always enjoyed the heavy influence of blues and jazz in many of these dance and love songs, including the syncopated rhythms and blues chording. But it wasn't until I started working on these pieces and developing the conceptual basis for the narrative for tonight's concert, that I began to appreciate more how each piece fit into the "time" in which it was written. I encourage each of you to consider this music and these bygone decades in a new light.

I want to thank the chorus, and its supporters for all their work in making this evening's presentation possible.

Alison MacNeill - Accompanist

After graduate studies at the University of Western Ontario, where she studied with Ronald Turini, Alison MacNeill returned to Guelph where she keeps a thriving music studio. Since 1988 she has held the position of Music Director at Harcourt Memorial United Church. Alison has accompanied the Guelph Chamber Choir almost since its inception, and appears on its CD, Songs of the New World. She spent several years as an accompanist to the University of Guelph Choir, the Guelph Youth Singers (appearing on its CD), the Elora Festival Choir, as well as numerous freelance engagements.

Chorus Members

Soprano

Jen Bauer
Kim Bolton
Heidi Brother
Janice Canning
Crystal Chilvers
Sue Gadbois

Beryl Hunter
Jane Keller
Birgit Niggebaum-Purvis
Katherine Scherer
Heather Thompson
Jonah Wainberg

Alto

Michele Breault
Sarah Brown
Terrilyn Coward
Bonnie DePaul
Colleen Daly
Linda Johnson
Diane Kilby

Colleen Lichti
Marg Perchaluk
Sylvie Plamondon
Ruth Ann Ramsey
Kim Ryan
Mary Sander
Laurie Whyte

Tenor

Jan Baker
Lynn Brown
Gord Dunbar

Jan Johnston
Dale Restoule
Dave Vervoort

Bass

Mark Raymond
Michael Rouse

Leslie Smith
Van Waffle

Thank you for joining us this evening!

Concert Program

Another Op'nin', Another Show

from KISS ME KATE, words & music by Cole Porter
arranged by Teena Chinn

Narrative: Robert Miller

Blue Suede Shoes

words & music by Carl Lee Perkins,
arranged by Jeff Funk

Narrative: Gordon Dunbar

Don't Get Around Much Anymore

words by Bob Russell, music by Duke Ellington,
arranged by Martin Behnke
Soloists: Kim Bolton & Jonah Wainberg

Narrative: Sarah Brown

It Had To Be You

words by Gus Kahn, music by Isham Jones,
arranged by Steve Zegree

Narrative: Marg Perchaluk

The Very Thought of You

words and music by Ray Noble,
arranged by Paris Rutherford

Soloist: Dale Restoule

Trio: Jen Bauer, Heather Thompson, Katherine Scherer

Narrative: Sue Gadbois

I'm Beginning To See The Light

words and music by Don George, Johnny Hodges, Duke Ellington & Harry James; arranged by Kirby Shaw
Soloist: Crystal Chivers

Narrative: Linda Johnson

Over the Rainbow

music by Harold Arlen, lyric by E.Y. Harburg,
arranged by Russ Robinson

Narrative: Mark Raymond

A Salute to Doo-Wop

arranged by Barry Talley
Soloist: Michael Rouse

Narrative: Diane Kilby

Narrative: Dave Vervoort

Dancing In The Street

words & music by William Stevenson, Marvin Gaye & Ivy Hunter; arranged by Teena Chin

Narrative: Robert Miller

Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye

words & music by Cole Porter

Narratives written by Van Waffle

Staging by Michael Rouse

Please join the Chorus for refreshments in the auditorium. A dance for all ages will follow with music provided by the Brian Hayman Trio, a jazz ensemble from Hamilton, Ontario.

Thank you for joining us this evening!

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We would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the following friends who have made a valuable financial contribution to the Waterloo-Wellington Rainbow Chorus.

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*The Rainbow Chorus rehearses each
Wednesday at 7:30 pm at
Harcourt United Church,
87 Dean Ave.
in Guelph.*

All are welcome to come and join us.

*We also host monthly dances on the
second Friday of each month at the
CAW Hall, 611 Silvercreek Pkwy. N.
in Guelph. The final two dances of
the season will be held on
Apr. 12 and May 10, 2002 and will
resume again in September.*

*For more information about joining
or supporting the Rainbow Chorus,
please contact:*

Robert Miller at (519) 584- [REDACTED]

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