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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

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Canadian Pride

Date: April 26, 2003

Time: 8:00 p.m.

**Harcourt United Church
87 Dean Ave., Guelph**

What is Canada to me? I'm proud that Canadians have more of nature than practically any people in the world. We have lots of space: thousands of kilometres of unspoiled wilderness, and thousands more where people live close to the land.

My brother and his wife lived in Calgary for several years in the late 1970s. His work for an oil company took him to the Yukon in winter, when heavy equipment could safely move on the frozen muskeg, where night was endless and the aurora borealis was the brightest light in the sky. I was lucky enough to travel out West with them the summer I was 16. Together we saw the beauty of the Rockies. Few colours have ever seemed vivid as the blues and greens of glacial lakes. As for the alpine meadows, no manicured garden could rival their profusion and abundance. My brother and sister-in-law loved the West, but eventually they got homesick for Ontario's lakes..

I don't blame them. To me there's nothing as wonderful as sitting on the dock at my cottage, watching evening fall over Lake Fletcher. The surface turns smooth as a mirror and water striders begin to dance. Somewhere a loon calls. My heart is never so peaceful.

There are too many other beauties to count. Flying into Vancouver, with its harbour and surrounding mountains, it seems like the most beautiful city on Earth, until you remember Victoria and its gardens. I've built red sand castles on a Prince Edward Island beach. Riding a ferry on blue, blue Georgian Bay, I watched my daughters turn their faces in delight to catch spray off the bow. I've seen the full moon pave a silver highway across Lake Erie's warm waves on a sultry August night. I've seen delicate orchids blooming in Northern bogs.

In each of these places I wondered if anything could possibly be more beautiful, but there's so much more I've never seen: the endless seas of Prairie grain, Manitoba's wetlands and its millions of waterfowl, Newfoundland's rocky landscape or the Old World charm of Quebec City.

Beyond the land and wildlife, each place has its people, from the deeply rooted Natives to the newest refugee arriving in a port, from the urban ghettos to the vast farms. Each face has a name I do not know. Whether it's a Bay Street executive or a weary farm wife, everyone loves someone, gay or straight, a lover, spouse, parent, child, friend or co-worker. In each and every heart there is a song, whether glad or mournful, tender or triumphant, humble or majestic.

In Canada it's hard to get far from the land. So the land is in our music, whether its wind in the treetops or sun cracking grain on a hot summer day. The nature of Canada is whatever you have experienced mostly, deeply and tenderly. Wherever you ran and played as a child will draw you back. Home is where the heart is, and to each heart its own home.

Van Waffle
Bass - Rainbow Chorus

Robert G. Miller - Artistic Director

"The journey of one's musical experience can be joyful, exciting, tearful, frustrating and fulfilling. After 20 years as a professional musician, I still continue to learn.

Performing, teaching and directing music has given me an insight into the motivations and needs of people coming together for a unified and rewarding purpose.

To encourage children, youth and adults in their musical education, one needs to learn patience, motivation, adaptability and needs to endorse a positive attitude towards music. I continually strive to achieve these goals in my own musical development and in the musical development of others." *Robert Miller*

Robert Miller was once the Music Director at Harcourt Memorial United Church, prior to leaving for six years of study and conducting in Copenhagen Denmark. He has been the Artistic Director of the Rainbow Chorus since the fall of 2000.

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.

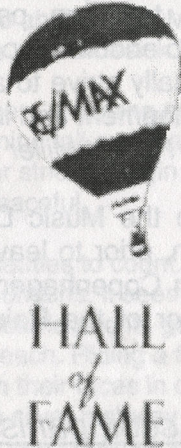
Since 1988 she has held the position of Music Director at Harcourt Memorial United Church.

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.

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Chorus Members

Soprano

Kim Bolton
Crystal Chilvers
Sue Gadbois
Beryl Hunter
Jane Keller

Margaret McGregor
Birgit Niggebaum-Purvis
Joyce Smuts
Heather Thompson

Alto

Michèle Breault
Sarah Brown
Terrilyn Coward
Bonnie DePaul
Colleen Daly
Deborah Eaton-Kent
Margie Johnson

Diane Kilby
Colleen Lichti
Marg Perchaluk
Sylvie Plamondon
Sarah Sharratt
Mary Ann Weber

Tenor

Jan Baker
Jennette Crawford
Jon Dobbin
Gord Dunbar
Brenda Eckhardt

Jan Johnston
Kim Ryan
Judy Schaming
Dave Vervoort
Karen Williams

Bass

Greg Carter
Stephane Danis
Mark Raymond

Leslie Smith
Allen Switzer
Van Waffle

Van Waffle
Bass - Rainbow Chorus

CANADIAN PRIDE

Program Part One

- Mi'kmaq Honour Song* Lydia Adams
Soloists: Sarah Brown,
Terrilyn Coward,
Sue Gadbois, Colleen Lichti
- Home I'll Be* Words and Music by Rita MacNeil
Soloist: Crystal Chilvers
Arranged by Stuart Calvert
- The Gowans Are Gay* Scottish Ballad Tune
Arranged by John Beckwith
- Song For The Mira* Words and Music by
Soloists: Mark Raymond
Joyce Smuts
Allister MacGillivray
Flautist: Richard Martin
Arranged by Stuart Calvert
- Cent Mille Chansons* Traditional Folk Melody
- O Lovely Nightingale* 15th Century French Chanson,
Soloist: Jon Dobbin
Arranged by Healey Willan
- They All Call It Canada* Words and Music by Freddy Grant,
(But I Call It Home) Arranged by Leslie Bell
- In Flanders Field* Text by John McCrae,
Music by Eleanor Daley

Intermission

Program Part Two

- O Canada* Music by Calixa Lavallée, Lyrics by
Sir Adolphe-Basile Routhier . Official
Lyrics by Mr. Justice Robert Stanley Weir
- Please join us in singing *O Canada*, Hymn #524.
- That's The Way It Is* Music and Lyrics by Max Martin,
Kristian Lundin and Andrea Carlsson
Arranged by Teena Chinn
- Rise With Pride* Words and Music by Terrilyn Coward
Accompanied by Terrilyn Coward
Dedicated to the Rainbow Chorus
- Sing All Ye Joyful* Music by Ruth Watson Henderson
Text by J.R.R. Tolkien from *The Hobbit*
- Magnetic North* Words and Music by Graeme Wearmouth
Soloist: Kim Bolton
- O SIEM* Words and Music by Susan Aglukark
and Chad Irschick, Adapted for SATB
by Willi Zwozdesky

Narration: Michael Rouse
WRITTEN BY: DIANE KILBY

Please join the Chorus for refreshments in
the auditorium after the concert.



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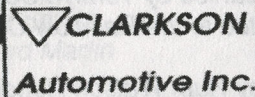
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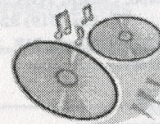
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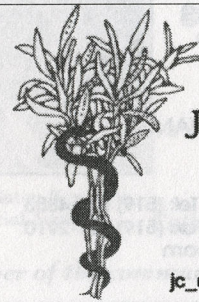


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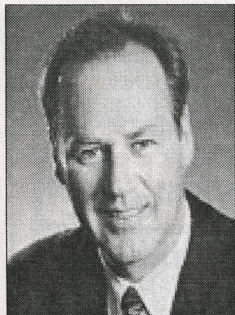
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Rainbow Chorus is also a member of GALA Choruses, the international association of the lesbian and gay choral movement. GALA Choruses represents 190 choruses, their 10,000 singers and 750,000 patrons in Australia, Europe, South America and North America.



RAINBOW CHORUS
WATERLOO/WELLINGTON

COME OUT & SING WITH US

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, September to June, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Harcourt United Church, 87 Dean Avenue, Guelph .

Although there are no auditions, you will be asked to sing for our Artistic Director to determine your vocal placement.

If you don't sing but want to be involved in a friendly community organization, then the Chorus also welcomes non-singing volunteers. There are many opportunities to help at our dances, concerts and other fundraising events.

For more information please contact our Artistic Director, Robert Miller at:

phone: (519) 584- [REDACTED]
email: mrrm@rogers.com

website: www.geocities.com/rainbow_chorus

COME OUT & DANCE WITH US

From September through May, we hold monthly fundraising dances for our community on the second Friday of every month at the CAW Hall, 611 Silvercreek Parkway North, Guelph.

For more information please visit our website.

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