

KITCHENER - WATERLOO

JUNE 12-15, 2003

RIM Park
2001 University Ave., Waterloo
&
Victoria Park Pavilion
End of Schneider Ave., Kitchener

THE NAMES PROJECT - CANADA

In 1987, San Francisco gave birth to The NAMES Project, an organization to manage a collection of cloth panels designed as memorials to those who had died of AIDS. These very personal pieces were gathered in a permanent monument called The AIDS Memorial Quilt.

In September of 1988, a small group of AIDS activists in Halifax began negotiations with the San Francisco group to have the AIDS Memorial Quilt tour Canada. Their intention was to gather new panels to begin a Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt. Several hundred panels were collected during the tour of the American AIDS Quilt in 1989. These panels remained in Canada and were the beginning of the NAMES Project in Canada.

In 1992 the original Canadian group dissolved handing custodianship of the Quilt to the Canadian AIDS Society. Then in May 1994, after a nationwide call for proposals, The NAMES Project – Canada was formed and awarded management of the Quilt.

Since 1994, as a national volunteer board, The NAMES Project – Canada has operated with the following goals:

- 1. To provide a positive and creative means of expression for those whose lives have been touched by the HIV epidemic.
- 2. To illustrate the enormity of the HIV epidemic by showing the humanity behind the statistics through displays, educational events and awareness activities.
- 3. To increase public awareness of HIV/AIDS
- 4. To ensure sensitivity at all levels of the organization to the emotional impact of The Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt for panel makers and others who view it.
- 5. To support the raising of funds for the community-based AIDS organizations.

The Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt is made up of more than 600 three-foot by six-foot panels, each panel created in memory. Of someone who has died of AIDS. Eight panels are sewn together to form a single 12 foot square called a Section. More than 70 of these Sections form the Canadian Quilt.

The NAMES Project – Canada / Le project des NOMS – Canada manages the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt, coordinates displays of the Quilt, hosts regional panel-making workshops and maintains the national memorial in Halifax.

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OPENING CEREMONY

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003

RIM Park 2001 University Ave., Waterloo On

7:00 P.M.

Welcome – Marie Morrison – AIDS Committee Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area

Opening Statement - John MacTavish - The NAMES Project - Canada

Reading of Names and Unfolding of the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt

The ceremony will follow the traditional format started in 1988. Readers will read aloud the names of the people represented by the Quilt panels while sections of the Quilt are unfolded and revealed.

Until the Quilt is completely unfolded, "unfolding teams" are the only people allowed on the Quilt. We ask that everyone respect this tradition and refrain from moving about the display until the unfolding is complete. The venue will be open till 10:00 P.M. this evening to allow everyone in attendance ample time to view the sections.

Readers

Ann O'Donnell Beckworth Barbra Buttars Bonnie Cole-Arnal Oscar Cole-Arnal Debbie Azim Flemming Jamie Hill Dr. L. Nolan Pat Patriquin
Mark Raymond
Dianne Roedding
Scott N. Schau
Sandy Stauffer
Dave Vervoort

Sign Language interpration for the Opening Ceremony provided by: Kathy Delaire

CLOSING CEREMONY

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2003

Victoria Park Pavilion
End of Schneider Drive, Kitchener, On

8:00 P.M.

Welcome - John MacTavish - The NAMES Project - Canada

Performance by the RAINBOW CHORUS

Artistic Director Robert Miller Accompanist Leslie Smith

I. LIGHT A CANDLE

Music and Lyrics by Al Kasha and

Wayne Tester

Arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram

2. HOW DIFFERENT CAN WE BE? Words and Music by Ruth Elaine Schram

3. IN REMEMBRANCE from "Requiem"

by Eleanor Daley

4. HYMN TO FREEDOM

Music by Oscar Peterson Arr. by Paul Read

Lyrics by Harriette Hamilton

5. SURE ON THIS SHINING NIGHT Music by Samuel Barber

Text by James Agee

Acknowledgements – Dave Olesen and Richard Sickinger – AIDS Quilt Committee: Tri-Cities and Area

Prsentation of New Panels – New panels from our area will be presented to The NAMES Project - Canada

6. RISE WITH PRIDE

Words & Music by Terrilyn Coward

(Dedicated to the Rainbow Chorus of Waterloo/Wellington)

7. O SIEM Aglukark and

Words & Music by Susan

Chad Irschick

Adapted for SATB by Willi

Zwozdesky

Drummers Jan Baker, Colleen Daly, Margie Johnson

8. I WISH YOU PEACE

Words and Music by Carl Strommen

* closing of the sections of the Quilt will take place during the last song concluding the Closing Ceremony

DONATIONS AND MERCHANDISE

Money raised through sales of commemorative items and donations during the display will be donated to:

AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area The NAMES Project – Canada HIV/AIDS Stephen Lewis Fund

Please support these worthwhile organizations by donating or purchasing merchandise in the following ways:

RED RIBBONS

We invite everyone to take part in remembering those lost to AIDS. Throughout the display we will be providing large red ribbons for a \$5.00 donation. We invite you to write the name of a person who has passed away from AIDS and pin the ribbon to the fabric panel. At the conclusion of the display the ribbons will be sewn onto a quilted fabric section and presented to The NAMES Project – Canada to be included in the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt.

POSTERS

Commemorative poster will be for sale for \$8.00 during the display. The poster was specially designed for the Kitchener-Waterloo display and printed with the financial assistance of MAC AIDS Fund.

RAFFLE QUILT

The Stratford Festival Wardrobe Department has created a special quilt for us to raffle off in support of the display. The *Roman Block* patterned quilt is made entirely from dupione silk scraps from Festival costumes, including this year's production of *The King and I*. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the draw will take place at the display on Sunday, June 15, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.

T-SHIRTS

The NAMES Project – Canada has t-shirts for sale in support of their programming and to maintain the Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt. T-shirts sell for \$25.00.

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Rainbow Chorus

"The Rainbow Chorus is the Waterloo/Wellington Chorus of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Friends and is composed of mutually supportive people who have joined together for the performance of the choral arts.

The mission of the Chorus is to provide education and build bridges that support the varied facets of the lesbian and gay and allied communities through performing a diverse repertoire. The Rainbow Chorus was formed in November 1994 when four friends collaborated to celebrate their musical passion and the diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) community.

In the spring of 1995 the chorus debuted at the AIDS Walk for the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County.

Since that time, the chorus has held concerts with a variety of repertoires ranging from folk, to blues, to classic to baroque.

In the summer of 2002, the Chorus joined voices with eighteen choirs from across Canada, at the Canadian GALA Festival.

The Rainbow Chorus has enjoyed many successes over the years, including obtaining official charitable status, increasing support to the LGBT community through monthly dances and reaching out to work with local community groups in joint ventures.

Our most notable success is that we exist and are so vitally active in a relatively small community."

Display Partners

AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area



tri-Pride Community Association



www.rainbow.on.ca