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Rainbow Chorus Events (1995-)

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The Rainbow Chorus Presents:

"Spirit of Light"

Saturday December 6th, 2003

Time: 8:00 p.m.



Harcourt United Church 87 Dean Avenue, Guelph

Chorus Members

Soprano

Kim Bolton Chrystal Chilvers Sue Gadbois Beryl Hunter Heather Thompson Alicia Allen

Katherine Brown
Birgit Niggebaum-Purvis
Joyce Smuts
Maureen Carney
Jane Keller

Alto

Sarah Brown
Julie DeMaeyer
Margie Johnson
Michele Breault
Laura Kinzel
Diane Kilby
Anna Kovacs
Sarah Sharratt
Linda Thompson
Shannon Tremblay
Maggie McGregor

Colleen Lichti
Terrilyn Coward
Michelle Szafron
Bonnie DePaul
Jennifer Lockhart
Colleen Daly
Jan Robertson
Sylvie Plamondon
Michelle Tomko
Mary Ann Weber
Marg Perchaluk

Tenor

Jan Baker
Jaye Crawford
Jon Dobbin
Judy Schaming
Karen Williams
Lynn Brown

Jan Johnston Kim Ryan Gord Dunbar Dave Vervoort Brenda Eckhardt Ron Harris

Bass

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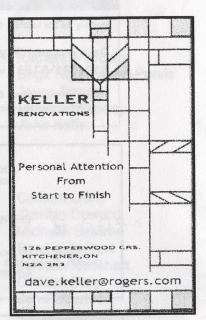
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'The Rainbow chorus began in November 1994, when four friends collaborated to create a social activity that could represent their musical passion and the diversity of the community, as well as provide a vehicle through which diversity would be visible to the greater community. Through a chorus of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Friends some of the perceived barriers and misunderstandings about sexual diversity might be addressed in a safe and respectable manner through the universal language of music.'

The first rehearsal began in January 1995 with perhaps a dozen participants. It is now December 2003 and the chorus now sings with over fifty full-time members.

To learn more about the history of the chorus please visit our web-site.

~ SPIRIT OF LIGHT ~

In the Candle Light

Sally K, Albrecht

Reading

The Feast of Light

Samuel Adler E. Amiran

Reading: Wild Geese by Mary Oliver
"You only have to let the soft animal of your body love
what it does."

Sure On This Shining Night

Samuel Barber James Agee

Dedicated to those touched by the December 6th Montreal Massacre

Lonesome Road

Berta Poorman

Sonja Poorman

To The Sky

Carl Strommen

Reading: Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein "...for the children, they mark, and the children, they know the place where the sidewalk ends."

A La Nanita Nana

Sherri Porterfield

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane

Pete Schmutte

Reading

Peace and Goodwill

Luigi Zaninelli

INTERMISSION ~

WZlobie Lezy

Roger Ames

Reading: Where Everything is Music by Rumi "We have fallen into the place where everything is music"

Thirty-Second Fa La La

Donald Moore

Good Ale

John Rutter

Reading: If I Had My Life to Live Over by Nadine Stair, Age 85 "I would ... have more actual troubles, but I'd have fewer imaginary ones."

Under the Holly Bough

Scott Henderson Charles Mackey Robert Miller

Reading: Excerpt from "The Profit" by Kahlil Gibran Your children "... are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself."

Balulalow

Eleanor Daley

Snow Is Falling

Ruth Elaine Schram

Reading

The Awakening

Joseph M. Martin

Reading

"Make of yourself a light"



The Rainbow Chorus is a member of Choirs Ontario, a service organization dedicated to the promotion of choral activities and standards of excellence. Choirs Ontario provides services to choirs, conductors, choristers, composers, adminstrators and eductors as well as anyone who enjoys listening to the sound of choral music.

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.

The Rainbow Chorus would like to wish all of you a Happy Holidays!



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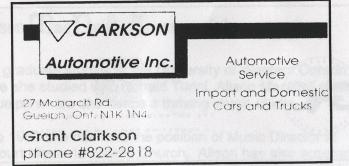
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Robert G. Miller - Artistic Director

"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 Mac Neill-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 also 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 engagement.

Come Out and 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 course 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:

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Website: www.geocities.com/rainbow_chorus

Come Out and 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.