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Rainbow Chorus Events (1995-)

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THE RAINBOW CHORUS PRESENTS

A CELEBRATION IN SONG

An Evening
of Chorus
Favourites in
Honour
of our 15th
Anniversary

8:00PM

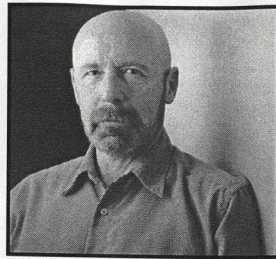
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JANUARY 23rd 2010

**Harcourt United Church
87 DEAN AVENUE, GUELPH**

Thank you to all our singing and non-singing volunteers.

Robert G. Miller
Artistic Director



Robert Miller has been a musician since childhood.

He studied music at the University of Guelph and for a number of years was the Music Director at Harcourt Memorial United Church.

He left Guelph to expand his musical career in Toronto at the Metropolitan United Church and in Copenhagen studying organ and conducting the Homofon Kor.

In the fall of 2000, he returned to Guelph as the Artistic Director of the Rainbow Chorus. The Chorus has grown under his direction. His leadership has taken us to Toronto, Montreal and Carnegie Hall, New York. In May 2010, Robert will lead the chorus at the Unison Festival in Winnipeg, Manitoba

Alison MacNeill – Pianist



After graduate studies at the University of Western Ontario, where she studied with Ronald Turini, Alison MacNeill returned to Guelph, where she maintains a thriving music studio.

Since 1988, she has held the position of Music Director at Harcourt Memorial United Church where she manages a vibrant program of choirs and instrumentalists. Alison has accompanied the Guelph Chamber Choir and appears on their two latest CDs. 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. Alison has accompanied us since March 2002.

RAINBOW CHORUS WINTER 2010

SOPRANOS

Maureen Anderson
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Crystal Chilvers
Terrilyn Coward
Sue Gaskin
Jane Keller

Kristi Kemp
Franny McCabe-Bennett
Birgit Niggebaum-Purvis
Andrea Roberts
Beth Shepard
Leah Sprague

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Julia Jamieson-Hanes
Margie Johnson
Diane Kilby
Bonnie Lesky

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Janice Shields
Michelle Tomko
Paula Waddick

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Brenda Eckhardt
Jan Johnston
Judy Schaming

Alan Spreadbury
Michael Strickland
Dave Vervoort
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Members of the Rainbow Chorus volunteer for the a number of committees: Artistic Advisory Committee (select programs); the Production Committee (produce our concerts); the Fundraising Committee (vital for ongoing survival); the Marketing Committee (all aspects of advertising) and the Chorus Librarians.

Thank you to all our singing and non-singing volunteers.



January 2010



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On behalf of the City of Guelph, I am delighted to offer congratulations to the Rainbow Chorus – the Waterloo Wellington Chorus of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Friends on the occasion of your 15th anniversary.

It is fitting that you are celebrating your anniversary with a concert, "A Celebration in Song." You have been entertaining and uplifting this community for 15 years, and we are fortunate to be able to enjoy the gift of your music again tonight.

The Rainbow Chorus has been a vibrant presence in our community throughout its history, performing for delighted audiences at events ranging from Pride celebrations to seasonal concerts. The Chorus has also been invited to perform in cities across Canada and at Carnegie Hall. What was begun in 1994 by a small group of friends has become an established local treasure.

Once again, congratulations and thank you to the Rainbow Chorus for 15 years of wonderful music!

Sincerely,

Karen Farbridge
Mayor



Supporting the Rainbow
Your donation or sponsorship helps us continue to support diversity through song!

Donate items to our annual Raffle or Silent

Donate through our website or please make cheques payable to Rainbow Chorus and forward to: Rainbow Chorus Waterloo Wellington 17 Suffolk St. W. Guelph, ON N1H 2H9

Letter of Greeting from Liz Sandals



As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph, I would like to congratulate Rainbow Chorus, the Waterloo Wellington Chorus of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Friends, on its 15th anniversary.

For many years, at a wide range of events in Guelph, Wellington, and Waterloo, the Chorus has provided its audiences with great music that is both entertaining and meaningful. Thank you for your enjoyable contributions to our community.

I wish you the very best in your future concerts, celebrations, and festivals and sincerely hope that you will have many more happy years of good singing and welcome participation in our community.

Sincerely,

Liz Sandals, MPP
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Francis M. Valeriote

Member of Parliament for Guelph



Guelph
January 2010.

Greetings from Frank Valeriote, Member of Parliament-Guelph Rainbow Chorus

As Member of Parliament for Guelph, I send my sincere greetings to all those participating in the 15th anniversary celebration of the Rainbow Chorus, the Waterloo Wellington Chorus of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and friends. This is both a remarkable milestone and another example of the cultural and artistic vibrancy of our community.

We are fortunate to host such an excellent showcase of talent, history and local culture. I wish the Rainbow Chorus many more years of continued success.

My best wishes to all for the success of your event and for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Warmest Regards,

Frank Valeriote
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Your donation or sponsorship helps us continue to celebrate diversity through song!

Donate items to our annual Raffle or Silent Auction.

Individual Charitable Donations: Tax receipts will be issued. Donate through our website or please make cheques payable to Rainbow Chorus and forward to:
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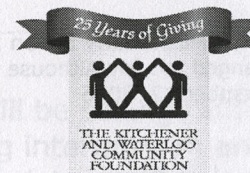
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A CELEBRATION

FIRE, FIRE MY HEART

Thomas Morley
Edited by: Norman Gregson
First performed at "Elemental" on January 20, 2001

EV'RY TIME WE SAY GOODBYE

Words & Music: Cole Porter
Arranged by: Mac Huff
First performed at "Sing 'n Swing" on March 23, 2002

CENT MILLE CHANSONS

Words & Music: Eddy Marnay
First performed at "Canadian Pride" on April 26, 2004

AVE MARIA

Franz Biebl
Soloists: Lawrie McEwan and Jon Dobbin
First performed at "In Dulci Jubilo" on December 9, 1995

BITTERSWEET TANGO

Words & Music: Eric Lee Barnes
Soloist: Franny McCabe-Bennett
First performed at "Winter Seasonings" on December 11, 2004

ALL I ASK OF YOU

Lyrics: Charles Hart & Richard Stilgoe
Music: Andrew Lloyd Webber
Arranged by: Bob Chilcott
First performed at "Love Is All You Need" on June 24, 2004

WE RISE AGAIN

Words & Music: Leon Dubinsky
Arranged by: Lydia Adams
Soloist: Crystal Chilvers
First performed at "Living in Colour" on April 23, 2006

I SHALL MISS LOVING YOU

Lyrics: Peter McWilliams
Music: Kristopher Anthony
**Soloists: James Callaghan, Jon Dobbin,
Brad Lawrence and Alan Spreadbury**

This selection is from "When We No Longer Touch; A Cycle of Songs for Survival" which the Chorus first performed at "Let There Be Love" on January 28, 2006. The Chorus also performed the complete Requiem at Carnegie Hall, New York on February 19, 2006.

DANNY BOY

Arranged by: Joseph Flummerfelt
First performed at "Unity" on January 20, 2007

LET THE RIVER RUN

Words & Music: Carly Simon
Arranged by: Jay Althouse
First performed at Action Read, Guelph on December 12, 2006

INTERMISSION

Many thanks to our narrator Christine Lafazanos and to Matthew Englert for his AV/technical support.

IN SONG

STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING

Words: Robert Frost
Music: Eugene Butler
First Performed at "Christmas Cheer Songfest" on December 15, 2001

ALL THE RIVERS

Ecclesiastes 1:7
Music: Charles Baker
First performed at "Concert Q" on May 24, 2008

PRETTY THINGS

Words & Music: Rufus Wainwright
Arranged by: Van Waffle
First performed at "Concert Q" on May 24, 2008

COURAGE

Words & Music: Terrilyn Coward
First performed at "Concert Q" on May 24, 2008

ANGEL

Words & Music: Sarah McLachlan
Arranged by: Mac Huff
First performed at "Concert Q" on May 24, 2008

I KNEW I LOVED YOU

Words & Music: Alan Bergman,
Marilyn Bergman & Ennio Morricone
Arranged by: Greg Gilpin
First Performed at "Belonging" on January 24, 2009

YOU WALK WITH ME

Words & Music: David Yazbek
Arranged by: Mac Huff
First Performed at "Belonging" on January 24, 2009

HOW COULD ANYONE

Words & Music: Libby Roderick
Arranged by: Mac Huff
First Performed at "Belonging" on January 24, 2009

THE STORM IS PASSING OVER

Words & Music: Charles Albert Tindley
Arranged by: Barbara W. Baker
First Performed with the mass choir at River Run Songfest on June 5, 2005

We will be selling raffle tickets (see back page for details) during intermission and after the concert. Please join us after the concert for refreshments and the raffle draw.



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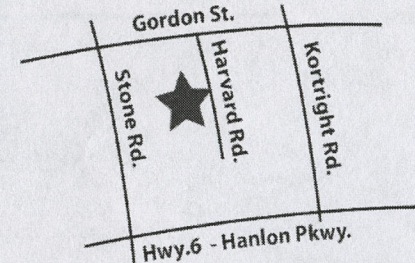
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Rainbow Chorus, the Waterloo Wellington Chorus of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Friends IS CELEBRATING 15 PROUD YEARS OF SINGING

The Chorus was founded in 1994 by four friends who wanted to build the kind of queer chorus that **(then and now)** only existed in larger urban centres; they also wanted to foster a community of singers, gay and straight, who came together to sing. They were: **Murray Jose** and **Glen Pelshea** and their respective partners **Robert Bojeczko** and **Kevin Fallowfield**.

Rehearsals started in January 1995 and our first self-produced concert was on Saturday, December 9, 1995. We have produced 29 concerts (including this one) in 15 years.

Our community performances include: Spring Fest, weddings, funerals, AIDS Services, Pride Services, Affirmation Services, Hate Crime Vigils, and events such as the re-opening of the YMCA in Guelph, the AGM of the Kitchener Waterloo Sexual Assault Centre, Tsunami Relief, the Hamilton Conference of the United Church of Canada, Action Read, Women in Crisis AGM and seasonal celebrations at the River Run Centre with the Guelph Chamber Choir and a number of church and community choirs.

We have practised and sung at a number of churches in Guelph but our most enduring relationships have been with the Guelph Unitarian Fellowship and Harcourt Memorial United Church.

We have had 5 Artistic Directors: Rob Gascho, John Tute, Rob Phillips, Gordon Burnett and Robert G. Miller. Robert Miller has been our longest serving.

We have had 8 accompanists: Douglas Brownlee, Charmaine Martin, Amy Elder, Ann Marie MacDairmid, Catherine Robertson, Carol Missio-King, Betty Maher and Alison MacNeill.

Currently we have 3 composers/arrangers who have written for the Chorus: Terrilyn Coward, Les Smith and Van Waffle. Tonight we are singing two of those compositions: "Courage" and "Pretty Things".

188 people have sung with the chorus over the past 15 years. We have sung in German, Latin, Romanian, Catalonian, Zulu, Italian, Spanish, Polish, French...and English.

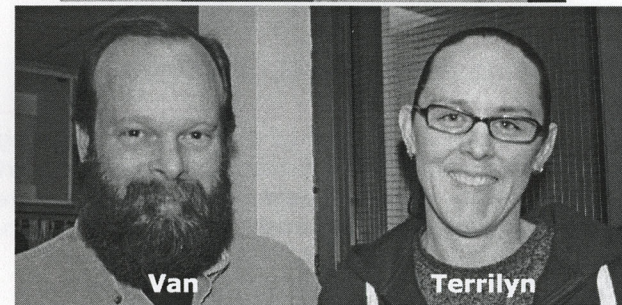
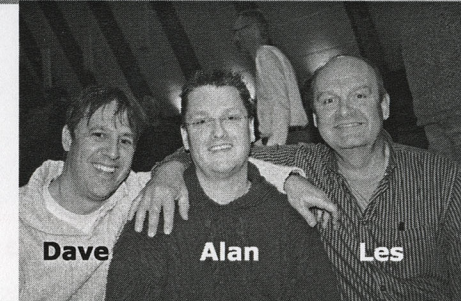
We have ranged in size from 17 to 53 choristers and are currently 45 in number.

Three of tonight's singers (**Alan Spreadbury**, **Leslie Smith** and **Dave Vervoort**) sang in our very first concert.

5 singers have sung more than 20 of the 29 concerts: **Birgit Niggebaum-Purvis** (27), **Les Smith** (26), **Jan Baker** (24), **Marg Perchaluk** (23) and **Dave Vervoort** (21).

We have performed in Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Hamilton, Dundas, London, Toronto, Montreal and on February 19, 2006 we sang at Carnegie Hall in New York City!

We sang at a national choral festival in Toronto in 2002 and at an international choral festival in Montreal in 2004. On the long weekend in May 2010 we are singing at UNISON, a national choral festival in Winnipeg.



The Rainbow Chorus proudly presents:

THE RAFFLE

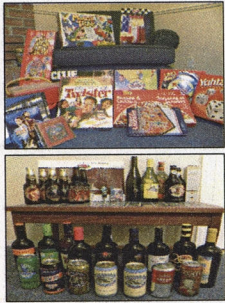
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