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*celebrating the lives and times of rainbow folk in Grand River country*

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# **TWO FIRES SINGING**

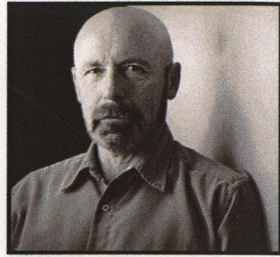
presented by  
**The Rainbow Chorus**

with special guests  
Toronto's  
**Singing OUT!**

**SATURDAY  
May 8, 2010  
8:00PM**

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

**Robert G. Miller**  
**Artistic Director**



What a glorious way to finish off our fifteenth and my tenth season. With two choirs, a commissioned work, entitled Starlight, and a finale of two combined choirs of 100 singers.

It has indeed been a pleasure working with Jody and Singing Out to prepare first, for our performance in Toronto and then here in Guelph. The final result of the many hours of work and dedication will certainly be evident in the concert this evening.

No sooner do we finish our performances, then we are off to Winnipeg to participate in Unison, which will include choirs from all across Canada.

Truly a time to celebrate. Enjoy!

Bob

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.

**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 SPRING 2010**

**SOPRANOS**

- |                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Maureen Anderson | Franny McCabe-Bennett   |
| Moe Carney       | Birgit Niggebaum-Purvis |
| Crystal Chilvers | Andrea Roberts          |
| Sue Gaskin       | Beth Shepard            |
| Jane Keller      | Leah Sprague            |
| Kristi Kemp      |                         |

**ALTOS**

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Michele Breault      | Colleen Lichti |
| Sarah Brown          | Nancy Oldford  |
| Bonnie DePaul        | Marg Perchaluk |
| Julia Jamieson-Hanes | Janice Shields |
| Margie Johnson       | Michelle Tomko |
| Diane Kilby          | Paula Waddick  |

**TENORS**

- |                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Jan Baker       | Alan Spreadbury    |
| Jon Dobbin      | Michael Strickland |
| Brenda Eckhardt | Dave Vervoort      |
| Judy Schaming   | Wolf               |

**BASSES**

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Greg Beneteau | Laurie McEwan |
| Greg Carter   | Les Smith     |
| Jaye Crawford | Bryan Street  |
| Brad Lawrence | Van Waffle    |

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- |                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
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| Jaye Crawford, Secretary  | Les Smith, Director    |

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.**

## Pride. Music. Belonging. (SingingOUT! motto)



The story of SingingOUT! is the story of the LGBT community in Toronto over the last two decades. Founded in 1992 by John Schrag, a former member of the Toronto Men's Chorus, SingingOUT! arose out of the the activism of the HIV/AIDS crisis and equal rights struggles of the 1980's and early '90's. This history is reflected in our motto: Pride Music Belonging, and in the song (and title of our Spring 2010 concert) "A Place Where I Belong," by Harry Lewis.

Over the years, we've lent our voices to vigils, memorials, flag-raising, and Pride celebrations in Toronto, and across North America at the various Union and GALA Festivals we've attended.

Today, while the struggles of the past may seem like distant history to many of our younger members, we remain faithful to our mission "to promote pride, both in who we are and in musical excellence to the communities where we live, perform, and find mutual support."

**Jody Malone**, SingingOUT! 's **Artistic Director** for the last two years, is a graduate of McGill University and the University of Toronto, and has spent her career working as a singer, pianist, educator and choral conductor. Over the years, she has enjoyed conducting women's choirs, jazz choirs and church choirs, and currently teaches full-time at a performing arts school in Mississauga.

**Beth Hanson**, SingingOUT! 's **Accompanist**, was enrolled in the Masters of Music Performance program at the University of Western Ontario, and completed her Masters degree while enrolled in the Bachelor of Education program at Lakehead University. She has accompanied instrumentalists, vocalists and choirs extensively and performed to solo recitals in 2007; she is presently a full-time music teacher in Toronto.

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## SingingOUT! Spring 2010

### Sopranos

Judi Bonner  
Marilyn Brownlee  
Catherine Caza  
Silvia Cellucci  
Annette Friedenreich  
Susan Higgins  
Rebecca Hunter  
Bronwyn MacDonald

Genevieve MacIntyre  
Martha Reynolds  
Sara Rodwell  
Cara Sloat  
Aggie Stevens  
Dierdre Taylor  
Heather Thompson

### Altos

Paula Clough  
Rean Cross  
Cori Dahman  
Nina Darrigo  
Julie Gazzola  
Debra Lamb

Judith Love  
Kira McCarthy  
Ee-Von Ng  
Diana Sepejak  
Karen Smith  
Kate Welsh

### Tenors

Sam Archer  
Neil Blackburn  
Charles Carr  
David Cheater  
Dianne Clare  
Dennis Galvez  
Daniel Robert Grant  
David Hopper  
Mathew Mac Lean

Ginny Marshall  
Gerald Martindale  
Christopher McIntosh  
Michael Minerales  
John Pesce  
Sherlock Subedar  
Mike Walsh  
Brennon Zwingli

### Basses

Keith Alexander  
Michael Bennett  
Anthony Castaneda  
Richard Chambers  
Anthony Da Souza  
Howie Dayton  
Michael Kollmel  
Jakob Lockhart

Bill Merryweather  
Koji Nakamachi  
John Norquay  
Steve Palmer  
Cathy Pellman  
Michael Rajzman  
Kyle Scanlon  
Darryl Wadsworth

The Rainbow Chorus proudly presents its first commissioned piece:  
Words by Van Waffle Music by Mark Sirett

## Starlight

You tell an old story  
of perfect love from above  
but who can measure light  
of a starry night?

We are all born  
from dust of ancient suns  
but who can track their burning  
through our veins?

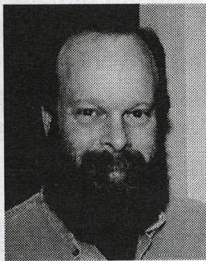
You try to give  
as each person does  
with varying degrees of grace,  
imperfectly, 'round the edges.

I've seen no greater power  
than two pinpoints of fire  
singing across time and space  
against all odds.

I don't want your sympathy  
all I want is freedom to love  
and grow cosmic  
as can be.

### Van Waffle's comments about the lyrics:

2004 was an exciting time politically in Canada. Same-sex marriage had recently been legalized in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia in the course of becoming recognized across Canada. In July I went with the Rainbow Chorus to perform at an international festival of GLBT choirs in Montreal. By coincidence, the theme of our concert performance was "All You Need Is Love". Queer choristers from around the world took advantage of the opportunity to marry legally, regardless of whether their vows would be recognized back home.



I was moved by the exuberance that explodes when people are free to demonstrate their love as they choose. Just as no two people are alike, love never happens the same way twice. It defies rules and definitions. I believe we must move beyond mere tolerance to a society in which we respect diversity and the uniqueness of others.

One song we performed at the festival was "All I Ask Of You" from Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, Phantom of the Opera. One phrase, "All I want is freedom/A world with no more night," emerged for me as a challenge to anyone who would suggest my love is not good enough. I came home from Montreal with this thought: "All I want is freedom to love to the best of my understanding." That is where the poem "Starlight" began.

One of my favourite things to do is sit outside at night, beside a quiet lake far from the city, during the dark of the moon when all the whole brilliant galaxy shines clear overhead. And yet all the stars I can see are a tiny drop in the bucket of the universe. It is a humbling experience. The love I feel for my children and family, my friends and lovers, might not amount to much in the grand scheme, but of all things it has the most power to transform my life. I will not hide it away.

~Van Waffle is a Guelph writer, artist, naturalist and pipe organ builder.

### Dr. Mark Sirett



A native of Kingston and a graduate of Queen's University, Mark Sirett holds both masters and doctoral degrees in conducting and pedagogy from the University of Iowa. He taught at the University of Alberta, Bucknell University, the University of Western Ontario, before returning to Queen's. For six years he served as Organist/Choirmaster of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston during which time the Girl Choristers under his direction won the 1996 CBC Choral Competition in the church choir category.

Dr. Sirett is currently the Artistic Director of the Cantabile Choirs of Kingston, an award-winning multi-choir educational programme that records and tours internationally.

Dr. Sirett is also an award-winning composer with over 50 published choral works in Canada, the US, Britain and Sweden. His compositions have been performed by some of Canada's leading ensembles including the National Youth Choir of Canada, Toronto Children's Chorus, the Amabile Youth Singers, Elora Festival Singers, and the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir. Recent commissions include major works for the University of Iowa, Minneapolis Choir Festival, the Kingston Symphony Association, and the Waterloo District High School Choral Festival. He frequently serves as an adjudicator and clinician throughout the country.

The Rainbow Chorus acknowledges the generous support of



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# TWO FIRES SINGING

## Rainbow Chorus

### Harriet Tubman

Words and music by Walter Robinson  
Arranged by Kathleen McGuire

### Shenandoah

American Folk Song  
Arranged by James Erb

### Evening Song

Composer Josef Rheinberger  
English lyrics and arrangement by Leslie Smith

### Fire, Fire My Heart

Words and Music by Thomas Morley

### Choral Highlights from Jersey Boys

Arranged by Mark Brymer  
Choreography: Jeffrey Morden  
Guitar: Steve McPhee, Drums: Peter Szewc

## Singing *OUT!*

### Sentimental Journey

Words and Music by Bud Green, Les Brown and Ben Homer  
Arranged by Hawley Ades

### Dirait-on

Words and Music by Rainer Maria Rilke  
Arranged by Morten Johannes Lauridsen

### You Raise Me Up

Words and Music by Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham  
Arranged by Teena Chinn

**Soloists:** Michael Minerales, Silvia Cellucci

### Big Butch Woman

Words and Music by Martha Brown  
Arranged by Emelia Mele

**Soloists:** Dianne Clare and Judith Love.

### The Fundamental

Words and Music by Eric Lane Barnes  
Arranged by Eric Lanes Barnes

### Shooting Star

Words and Music by Cris Williamson  
Arranged by Ali Adelman

### Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One

from the Song of Solomon 2:10-12  
Arranged by Healey Willan

### A Place Where I Belong

Words and Music by Harry Lewis  
Arranged by Beth Hanson

## — Intermission / Silent Auction —

## Rainbow Chorus

### Starlight

Music by Mark Sirett  
Words by Van Waffle

## Combined Chorus

### I Ain't Afraid

Words and Music by Holly Near  
Arranged by Steven Milloy

**Featuring** Diana Sepejak, Bronwyn MacDonald and Annette Friedenreich from Singing *OUT!* Crystal Chilvers, Julia Jamieson-Hanes and Franny McCabe— Bennett from the Rainbow Chorus

### A Song For A Winter's Night

Words and Music by Gordon Lightfoot  
Arranged by Danny Wilkes

### Hallelujah

Words and Music by Leonard Cohen  
Arranged by Roger Emerson

### Let There Be Love

Words and music by Amy Sky and Steve MacKinnon  
Arranged by Dan Lauterbach

## Join us for a Reception and Silent Auction conclusion

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



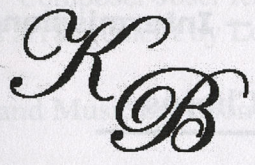
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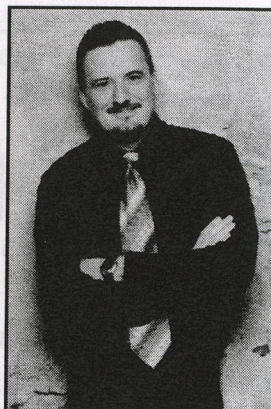
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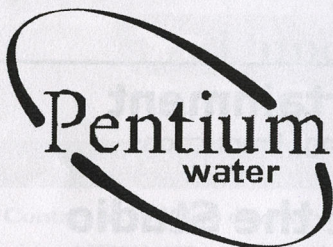
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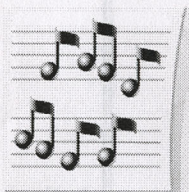


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- Although there are no auditions, you will be asked to sing for our Artistic Director for vocal placement prior to your first rehearsal
- If you don't sing but want to be involved, the Chorus welcomes non-singing volunteers to help at our concerts and fundraising events
- For more information, please contact our Artistic Director, Robert Miller at: 519.780. [REDACTED] or by email: [REDACTED]

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