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

## *Rainbow Chorus Events (1995- )*

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# *Songs in the Key of Sea*

**GUELPH**

**Saturday, May 25**

**8:00 pm**

**Harcourt United Church**

**WATERLOO**

**Sunday, June 2**

**2:00 pm**

**Knox Presbyterian Church**



## Rainbow Chorus May 2013

### **ANNETTA WHETHAM - Music Director**

Annetta received her Bachelor of Music from the University of Lethbridge in 2004. She graduated from Mohawk College in 2002, where she received a Diploma of Applied Music. She has studied with Dr. George Evelyn in Lethbridge, Alberta, Lita Klassen in Hamilton and Carol Ann Feldstein in Waterloo.

She sings regularly with Arcady, and has participated in the Boris Brott Music Festival with the National Academy Orchestra.

She has performed many times in the Cambridge "Mayor's Celebration of the Arts", one year presenting a half hour set of "Vocal Music by Cambridge Composers", including beginner composition students as young as ten years old. She occasionally sings with the Cambridge Community Orchestra currently, and is a chorus member with Opera Hamilton.

Annetta has worked with Galt Little Theatre, has conducted the Gilbert and Sullivan Ensemble of Kitchener-Waterloo and the Cambridge Portuguese Banda Lira do Espirito Santo. She currently works with the Cambridge Kiwanis Boys Choir. She is organist and music director at St. James' Anglican church where she leads an adult choir and a youth choir. She has accomplished grade 10 voice, grade 9 piano, grade 8 violin, and grade 2 theory, with the Royal Conservatory of Music.

In 2011, Annetta was one of the finalists nominated for a Bernice Adams Memorial Award, which is presented to artists making a difference in their community. She currently lives in Cambridge and teaches privately. She spends her days with her mini Australian Shepherds, potbelly pig, and bearded lizards.



### **ANN GREEN - Piano & Violin**

Ann Green has a Bachelors of Music in Church Music and a Bachelors of Education from Wilfrid Laurier University and is presently working on a Masters of Music Education. She was the founding conductor of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra and the owner of Beyond the Clef Music School in Cambridge for 11 years. She currently teaches strings at Stanley Park Senior School in Kitchener, is the music director at St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church in Cambridge and performs as a soloist, piano accompanist and with her string trio, the Harmonia Ensemble. Ann enjoys composing, conducting, collaborating with other artists and musical groups and investing her time in developing teenage leaders through an organization she volunteers with. Her future goals include writing musical resources for use in the classroom, and composing for children's and community choirs.



### **SOPRANOS**

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Crystal Anderson	Patricia Harland
Maureen Anderson	Tanis MacDonald
Maureen Carney	Shannon Somerville
Shawna Lynn Craig	Leah Sprague
Louise Dee	Danielle Workman
Elise Gordezky	

### **ALTOS**

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Miranda Abrahamse	Cris Renna
Sarah Brown	Cassie Reid
Janet Downs	Judy Steers
Christine Lafazanios	Paula Waddick
Christine Pugh	

### **TENORS**

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A.J. Ashley	Todd Murch
Chris Cormier	Helen Prior
Chris Dempsey	Judy Schaming
Brenda Eckhardt	Dave Vervoort
Cathy McCallum	

### **BASSES**

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Jaye Crawford	Shawn Lyon
Kevin da Silva	Derek Page
Matthew Hunter-Tribe	Leslie Smith
Todd Kemp	

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Brenda Eckhardt**, Chair; **Judy Steers**, Director; **Bryan Street**, Treasurer; **Shannon Somerville**, Director; **Sue Senior**, Secretary; **Art Martin**, Director; **Les Smith**, Director; **Shawn Lyon**, Director

Members of the Rainbow Chorus volunteer for a number of committees: Artistic Production Committee select programs; the Fundraising Committee is vital for ongoing survival; the Marketing Committee handles promotion and advertising and the Chorus Librarians.

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# Songs in the Key of Sea

## ACT I

### River of Dreams

Solos: Christine Pugh, Todd Kemp

*Billy Joel, Arr: Mark Brymer*

### Away From the Roll of the Sea

*Allister MacGillivray*

### Let the River Run

Solo: Judy Steers

*Carly Simon*

### All The Rivers

*Based on Ecclesiastes 1:7, 9:11, Music by Charles Baker*

### Under The Sea

Christine Lafazanios as 'The Fish'

*by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken*

*Arr: Alan Billingsley*

### Feller From Fortune

*Collected by Kenneth Peacock, Arr: Harry Somers*

*Though it's a Newfoundland folk tune, don't even try to tap your foot, this arrangement has got **seventy-seven** time signature changes! Enjoy!*

### Beyond The Sea

*Jack Lawrence and Charles Tenet, Arr: Kirby Shaw*

**Ensemble:** Louise Dee, Moe Carney, Sarah Brown, Danielle Workman, Chris Dempsey, Helen Prior, Kevin da Silva, Matt Hunter-Tribe

### Sail Away

*Malcolm Dalglish*

**Featuring:** Ms. Kari Kokko,

Hammered Dulcimer

### Selection from "The Pirates of Penzance"

*Gilbert and Sullivan*

**Solos:** Matt Hunter-Tribe, Shawn Lyon

*Non-traditional lyrics by the Rainbow Chorus*

## INTERMISSION

## ACT II

### La Lluvia ("The Rain")

**Featuring:** the audience

*Stephen Hatfield*

### It's Raining Men

**Solo:** Chris Cormier

*Paul Shafer, Paul Jabara, Arr: G. Gilpin*

### Singin' in the Rain

*Arthur Freed, Nacio Herb Brown. Arr: Mark Hayes*

### Canadian Waters Set:

#### Wood River

*Connie Kaldor, Arr: Willi Zwozdesky*

**Ensemble:** Shannon Somerville, Patricia Harland, Sarah Brown, Janet Downs, Cris Renna, Chris Cormier, A.J. Ashley, Shawn Lyon, Leslie Smith

#### Un Canadien Errant

*Traditional Quebecois folk song, Arr: Mark Sirett*

**Ensemble:** Moe Carney, Leah Sprague, Cassie Reid, Miranda Abrahamse, Brenda Eckhardt, Judy Schaming, Dave Vervoort, Leslie Smith, Shawn Lyon, Derek Page

**Translation:** "A Canadian banished from his homeland wandered in tears through foreign lands. One day, sad and reflective, sitting beside the river, he watched the stream rush by and said these words: If you see my homeland, my sad homeland, say to my friends that I will remember them. O days full of happiness you are gone, and my homeland, alas I will never see again. No, while dying, O my dear Canada, my fading thought will be of you."

#### Northwest Passage

**Solos:** Elise Gordezky, Jaye Crawford,

*Stan Rogers Arr: Ron Small*

Cathy McCallum, Kevin da Silva

*Our Waterloo Concert marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Stan Rogers, June 2, 1983 and we gratefully remember his profound contributions to Canadian folk music.*

#### Kicking Horse

**Bodhran:** Judy Steers

*Text: E. Pauline Johnson*

*Music: Jeff Smallman*

#### Loch Lomand

**Solos:** Chris Dempsey,

*Traditional Scottish, Arr: Jonathan Quick*

Shannon Somerville

# 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser!

*The RCWW has a donor who  
will match any donation from  
\$20-\$60 over 60 days  
(April 17-June 16).*

This is an **unprecedented opportunity**  
for the chorus to raise funds.

## These donations could help us fund:

- ◆ commissioning a new piece of music for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- ◆ purchasing a new keyboard which we would use when we take our performances on the road
- ◆ obtaining a vocal coach to work with members on an individual basis
- ◆ a visioning retreat for the chorus
- ◆ and many other activities which are on our wish list!

Be a part of this exciting new adventure and help us achieve some of our dreams. As little as \$2.50 per week for 8 weeks or as much as \$1.00 a day for 60 days would be a big start to this 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser *and your donation will be matched - doubling the impact!*

**Donate today**, or donate online thru PayPal, complete the adjacent form and send a cheque to the chorus address, or contact any RCWW member.

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## Come Sing with Us!



- **Rehearsals:** Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm, September to June at Harcourt Memorial United Church, 87 Dean Ave. Guelph
- We will be accepting new singers for all voice parts (sopranos, altos, tenors and bass) at our next rehearsals on September 4 & 11.
- Although there are no auditions, you will be asked to sing for our Music Director for vocal placement
- 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 Dave Vervoort at [REDACTED] or 519-821-[REDACTED].

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## The Rainbow Chorus' Winter Concerts:

Sunday January 26

Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Erb St. W., Waterloo

Saturday February 1

Harcourt United Church, 87 Dean Ave. Guelph

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