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Rainbow Chorus Events (1995-)

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Francis M. Valeriote

Member of Parliament for Guelph



Twenty Years of Pride, Passion and Politics

Dear friends,

It is my great pleasure to extend my sincerest congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the Rainbow Chorus of Waterloo-Wellington!

Guelph is an extraordinarily creative city, so it is no surprise to me and the rest of our community that since 1994, the RCWW has brought together singers and music enthusiasts from both inside and out of the LGBTQ community to create an educational, informative and talented choir; one that performs throughout our country and in others.

Your success has been a shining model of bringing together participants from many diverse backgrounds to make something inclusive, beautiful and welcoming. You are an example to so many other groups throughout the city.

It goes without saying that Guelph's artistic community is remarkably improved by your presence. I congratulate you on 20 years of wonderful work and wish you the best of success throughout the next 20!

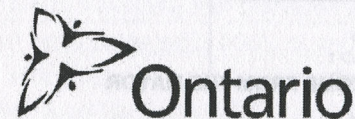
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I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the Rainbow Chorus of Waterloo-Wellington on its 20 Year Anniversary. The choir not only provides highly entertaining and thought provoking performances for audiences, it also provides a great deal of fun and friendship for its participants in a safe and accepting environment. The choir exemplifies the principles that the Ministry of Education is promoting in its "Safe and Accepting Schools" policy. Best wishes for continued success for many more years!

Sincerely,

Honourable Liz Sandals,
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City of Waterloo

Brenda Halloran, Mayor



WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of the City of Waterloo, I would like to welcome you to the Rainbow Chorus' 20th Anniversary concert on Jan. 26, 2014. I know the event's organizers have worked very hard to put on an exciting and unforgettable concert.

The City of Waterloo is proud of its vibrant and diverse population. Residents and visitors have come to this region from around the world and from many different backgrounds. This event is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the rich culture in this community and to foster a spirit of friendship.

I'm sure it will be an afternoon to remember. Enjoy the day!



Sincerely,

Brenda Halloran
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January 2014

On behalf of the City of Guelph, congratulations to the Rainbow Chorus of Waterloo-Wellington on your 20th anniversary!

For 20 years, the Rainbow Chorus has been entertaining and delighting audiences across Guelph and beyond. What was begun in 1994 by a small group of friends has become a well-known treasure, as the Chorus has performed at festivals across Canada and even at Carnegie Hall.

The Chorus brings together people from inside and outside the LGBTQ community. As the only LGBTQ choir in Canada outside a major city, the Rainbow Chorus makes a difference locally by fostering diversity and inclusion.

Thank you to the Rainbow Chorus for your gift of 20 years of wonderful music!

Sincerely,

Karen Farbridge
Mayor



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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, 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.



Alison MacNeill — Pianist

Alison is a graduate of the University of Guelph and holds an Associate Diploma in Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto. After graduate work at the University of Western Ontario, studying with Ronald Turini, she returned to her home town of Guelph, where she maintains a busy teaching studio. As Director of Music Ministry at Harcourt Memorial United Church, she manages a vibrant program of choirs and instrumentalists. Alison has accompanied many local choirs, including the University of Guelph Choir, the Guelph Youth Singers, the Elora Festival Choir, and the Guelph Chamber Choir, appearing on their last three recordings. She has been accompanist for the Rainbow Chorus for over 10 seasons.



Rainbow Chorus January 2014

SOPRANOS

Crystal Anderson	Elise Gordezky
Maureen Anderson	Tanis MacDonald
Maureen Carney	Andrea McClellan
Shawna Lynn Craig	Shannon Somerville
Courtney Dutchak	Leah Sprague
Carla Giddings	Danielle Workman

ALTOS

Miranda Abrahams	Colleen Lichti
Sarah Brown	Lindsay McCallum
Bonnie DePaul	Cassie Reid
Patricia Harland	Janice Shields
Margie Johnson	Judy Steers
Darby Rose Kent	Paula Waddick
Bonnie Lesky	

TENORS

A.J. Ashley	Todd Murch
Bradley Barrett	Helen Prior
Chris Dempsey	Judy Schaming
Brenda Eckhardt	Dave Vervoort
Art Martin	

BASSES

Jaye Crawford	Shawn Lyon
Kevin da Silva	Derek Page
Matthew Hunter-Tribe	Bryan Street
Todd Kemp	Scott Worsfold

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brenda Eckhardt, Chair; **Judy Steers**, Director; **Helen Prior**, Treasurer; **Shannon Somerville**, Director; **Sue Senior**, Secretary; **Les Smith**, Director; **Shawn Lyon**, Director; **A.J. Ashley**, Director; **Alan Spadbury**, at large.

Members of the Rainbow Chorus volunteer for a number of committees: Artistic Production Committee, Fundraising Committee, Marketing Committee and the Chorus Librarians.

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

20 Years of *Pride, Passion & Politics*

Don't Rain on My Parade

Bob Merrill, Julie Styne, Arr. Lisa DeSpain

Solo: Crystal Anderson

Blackbird

John Lennon, Paul McCartney, Arr. Daryl Runswick

Fireflies

Adam Young, Arr. Mark Brymer

And So It Goes

Tenors & Basses

Billy Joel, Arr. Kirby Shaw

One Voice

Sopranos & Altos

Ruth Moody

Solos: Leah Sprague, Paula Waddick, Darby Rose Kent

Guitar: Leah Sprague, Shawna Lynn Craig, Judy Steers

O Siem

Susan Aglukark, Chad Irschick, Arr. Stephen Smith

Light a Candle

Al Kasha, Wayne Tester, Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Ensemble: Elise Gordezky, Tanis MacDonald, Sarah Brown, Margie Johnson, Chris Dempsey, Kevin da Silva, Shawn Lyon

How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Lowry, Arr. Timothy Shaw, Lyrics Rainbow Chorus

Solos: Shannon Somerville, Art Martin, Shawn Lyon

Flute: Danielle Workman

Tribute to Queen

Brian May, John Deacon, Freddie Mercury, Arr. Mark Brymer

Ensemble: Shawna Craig, Shannon Somerville, Danielle Workman, Cassie Reid, Miranda Abrahams, A.J. Ashley, Kevin da Silva, Matthew Hunter-Tribe

For Good

Stephen Schwartz

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Arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Mister Sandman

Pat Ballard, Arr. Ed Lojeski

Ensemble: Maureen Anderson, Shannon Somerville, Colleen Lichti, Paula Waddick, Pat Harland, Derek Page, Scott Worsfold

You Are the New Day

John David, Arr. Peter Knight

Man in the Mirror

Glen Ballard, Siedah Garrett, Arr. Kirby Shaw

Solos: Chris Dempsey, A.J. Ashley

Ensemble: Crystal Anderson, Danielle Workman, Pat Harland

Chorus & Alumni

Hymn to Freedom

Oscar Peterson, Harriette Hamilton, Arr. Paul Read

Imagine

John Lennon, Arr. Mac Huff

Solo: Miranda Abrahams

Thank you!

Drums: Judy Steers **Bass Guitar:** Bill Nixon

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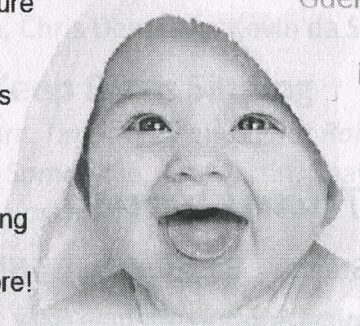
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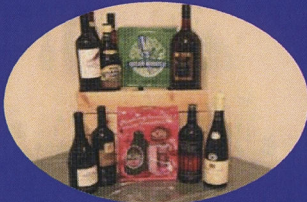


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