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Rainbow Chorus Events (1995-)

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RAINBOW CHORUS
WATERLOO-WELLINGTON



DATE:

Sat. May 3

TIME:

7:30 PM

LOCATION:

Harcourt United
Church
87 Dean Ave
Guelph

Featuring: WomEnchant

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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.



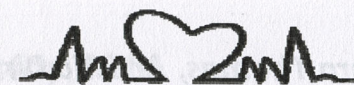
Alison MacNeill — Pianist

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 May 2014



SOPRANOS

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

ALTOS

Miranda Abrahams	Darby Rose Kent
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Bonnie DePaul	Lindsay McCallum
Patricia Harland	Judy Steers
Margie Johnson	Paula Waddick

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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 of our singing and non-singing volunteers!

Laura Thomas, Artistic Director

WomEnchant's Artistic Director, Laura Thomas, is a conductor, arranger, composer, percussionist and teacher. In addition to her position with WomEnchant, she is also Music Director of the Dundas Valley Orchestra, Associate Conductor of the Niagara Symphony Orchestra and Music Director of the Niagara Youth Orchestra. She was, for six years, Artistic Director of Niagara's Choralis Camerata. She has appeared as a guest conductor with many ensembles including the Huronia Symphony, the Etobicoke Philharmonic and the North York Concert Orchestra.

Ms. Thomas holds a master's degree in conducting from New York's prestigious Bard College, where she studied with Harold Farberman. She is also a graduate of Hamilton's Mohawk College and McMaster University, where she studied percussion and composition. Since 1985, she has been the Principal Percussionist with the Niagara Symphony Orchestra. As well, she is a member of Niagara's popular eclectic folk quintet BroadBand and performs regularly with her Vintage Jazz ensembles.

In her work with WomEnchant and BroadBand, Ms. Thomas has found the opportunity to combine music and activism. Both ensembles perform for a wide variety of social justice events and causes and have raised thousands of dollars through benefit concerts.

Tannis Beamer, WomEnchant Accompanist

Tannis Beamer attended the University of Guelph where she majored in Applied Human Nutrition as well as completing a minor in music. She has also completed her Grade 10 Piano through the Royal Conservatory of Music and has taught private piano lessons in the Niagara Region for over 10 years. She runs a thriving studio of 35 students and composes solo works for piano.

Tannis found that her love of music drove her to explore the connection between health and music which resulted in her completing over 60 hours in training as a Soundwork Practitioner with Gary Diggins (Director of the Canadian Association of Sound Practitioners).

This is Tannis' third year as accompanist with WomEnchant Chorus and her second year with WomEnchant Drummers.

WomEnchant May 2014

SOPRANOS

Elizabeth Agnew	Valerie Nielsen*
Donna Bothen	Betty Rennison
Marsha Hildebrand*	Liz Watson*
Cathy Mackenzie	Karen Widmer*
Caroline Misener*	

MEZZO

Irene Altimira	Lena V. Nielsen*
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Daphne Drysdale	Charlie Pond
Sue Jackson	Peggy Sample
Sandy Lambie	Heather Scott
Sheila Massey*	Jill Van Biesbrouck*

ALTO 1

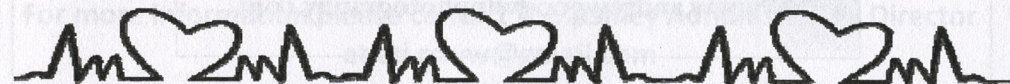
Mary Bondarchuk	Peggy Sample
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Colleen Hood	Pat Vinton*
Penny Mitton	Sue Wells*

ALTO 2

Laura Baird*	Jo-Anne Lynagh
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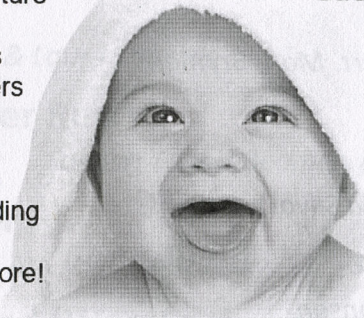
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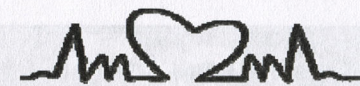
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Rainbow Chorus Waterloo-Wellington

The Climb

Jessi Alexander, Jon Mabe, Arr. Mark Brymer

Bittersweet Tango

Eric Lane Barnes

Soloists: Judy Steers, Kevin da Silva

Kicking Horse River

Jeff Smallman, E. Pauline Johnson

Guitars: Shawna Lynn Craig, Leah Sprague

Bodhran: Judy Steers **Flute:** Annetta Whetham

Carrickfergus

Tenors & Basses

Trad. Irish Folk Song, Arr. Mark G. Sirett

Labour of Love

Sopranos & Altos

Celtic Folk Tune, Arr. Stephen Hatfield

Some Nights

Nate Ruess, Andrew Dost, Jack Antonoff, Jeffrey Bhasker, Arr. Andy Beck

Soloists: Judy Steers, Kevin da Silva, Crystal Anderson, Tanis MacDonald

Cups: Maureen Anderson, Elise Gordezky, Margie Johnson, Kim Ryan

Seal Lullaby

Eric Whitacre, Rudyard Kipling

Same Love

Mary Lambert, Ryan Lewis, Ben Haggerty, Arr. D. Eve Archer

Soloists: Chris Dempsey, Margie Johnson, Matthew Hunter-Tribe,

Sarah Brown, Danielle Workman, Crystal Anderson, Shawna Lynn Craig

Intermission/ Silent Auction

Thank you to Dennis Gray: A.V. Technical Support

WomEnchant Chorus and Drummers

Jump Up!

Jenny Penrose & Laura Thomas

Let the River Run

Carly Simon

Soloist: Tannis Beamer, piano

Wood River

Connie Kaldor, Arr. Willi Zwozdesky

Soloist: Heather Scott

Groovy Band (WomEnchant Drummers)

Laura Thomas

Nella Fantasia

Ennio Morricone, Arr. Audrey Snyder

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Paul Simon, Arr. Kirby Shaw

Soloist: Charlie Pond

Morning Glory

Traditional Spirituals, Arr. Rollo Dilworth

Walk Sister, Walk

Nan Thompson

Combined Chorus

Sahayta

Ben Allaway

We Rise Again

L. Dubinsky, Arr. L. Adams

Soloists: Liz Watson, Matthew Hunter-Tribe, Maureen Anderson,

Maureen Carney, Leah Sprague, Elise Gordezky

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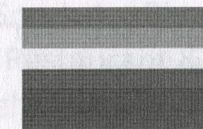
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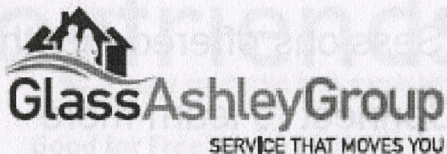
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**2013 President's Gold Award Winner

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Guelph Pride Dance—Tonight!

8pm (doors open) 9pm (start) Cost: \$10 (advance) \$15 (door)
Peter Clark Hall (Basement), University Centre, University of Guelph
DJ Dallas will keep the party going all night long! This event is a 19+ event

Flag Raising Ceremony

Monday May 5, 12pm, Market Square, City Hall, 1 Carden St. - Free

Queer Trivia Night

Monday May 5, 7-11pm, Red Papaya, Old Quebec Street Mall - Free

Art and Sexuality Workshop

Tuesday May 6 / 1-2:30pm, Evergreen Seniors Centre,
683 Woolwich St. -Free

LGBTQA+ Storytelling, Speaking Our Truth

Tuesday May 6, 7-9pm, The Joint Café, 43 Cork St. - Free

LGBTQA+ Short Film Festival

Wednesday May 7, 8pm, Ed Video, 40 Baker St. 2nd Floor - Free

LGBTQA+ Art Exhibit Opening

Thursday May 8, 7-9pm, 10 Carden St.- Free

Mr. and Miss Gay Guelph Pageant

Friday May 9, 8pm, Red Papaya, Old Quebec St. Mall
Cost: \$5 (students), \$10 (adults); advanced tickets available at Red Papaya

Indoor Family Picnic

Saturday May 10, 11am-3pm, Harcourt United Church,
87 Dean Ave. Free

Queer Cabaret presented by Guelph Spoken Word

Saturday May 10, 8pm, Sip Club, 91 Wyndham St. N. Cost: \$5

Full Event Details: www.guelphpride.com/2014

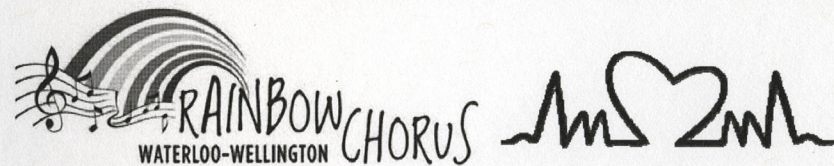
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- **Rehearsals:** Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm, September to June at Harcourt Memorial United Church, 87 Dean Ave. Guelph
- We will be accepting new singers for all voice parts (sopranos, altos, tenors and bass) at our next rehearsals on September 3, 10, & 17
- 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].

***The theme for our January concerts
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Rainbows Across Africa***



Rainbow Chorus
Silent Auction!

Bidding is open before the concert, at intermission
or after the concert

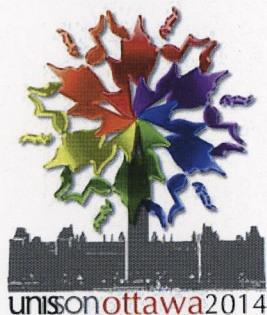
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