

Grand River Rainbow Historical Project

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

Raindrops

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RAINBOW CHORUS, Waterloo Wellington Chorus of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Friends
Continuing our 13TH Season!



MISSION STATEMENT

Rainbow Chorus is composed of mutually supportive people who have joined together for the purpose of the performance of the choral arts including a diverse repertoire.

DATES:

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2nd TERM 2007-2008

REHEARSALS:

Every Wednesday
7:30-9:30

CONCERT "Q"

The Artistic Advisory Committee thought it would be a capital idea to sing songs by queer composers, "The Composer Is/Was Gay" to celebrate Pride in Guelph. We expanded this theme slightly to accommodate songs we liked "Hallelujah" and "True Colours" which were sung by gay or gay-friendly artists (Yeah Kathryn Dawn, Rufus & Cyndi).

ALL DAY REHEARSALS:

Usually two Saturdays

The Committee is delighted that two of the compositions we are singing are written or arranged by Chorus members. Terrilyn composed "Courage" for the Chorus - her 2nd composition written for the Chorus. Van has arranged "Pretty Things", a song by Rufus Wainwright for the Chorus - his 2nd effort for the Chorus as well. We are blessed to have these two talented members in our group.

TO BE ANNOUNCED

CONCERT:

Concert "Q"

(Title subject to change)

We have come a long way since the Stonewall riots in June of 1969. We enjoy many rights we did not have (no discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the workplace or in renting apartments etc; the right to marry IF we choose and etc)

Saturday, May 24, 2008
Guelph

BUT people are still bashed and killed in Canada because they are gay or even because someone perceives that they might be gay. It is still no picnic growing up gay in rural areas , small towns and even in "enlightened" cities.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chorus Fundraising

Dances: Host: Tami Burns

So we celebrate who we are and who we love (privately every day) but publicly once a year - usually in June.

Sat. February 23, 2008

Guelph Pride is being held during the week of May 26th to June 1st this year. What a perfect introduction to Pride Week our concert is.

Sat., June 14, 2008

Please attend and encourage your friends to come. We need to raise approximately \$650 per member over your fees to cover the costs of operating the Chorus. And, it's a lot of fun!

Guelph Pride Dance:

Saturday, May 31, 2008

River Run Songfest 2008:

Sunday June 1, 2008

A Report on My Interview

Hallelujah

A Tribute to Queen

I Ain't Afraid

All the Rivers

I Will Remember You

Angel

My Family, My Chorus & My Rhyme

Classic Cole Porter (part V)

Pretty Things

Courage

Seasons of Love

Dream With Me

The Little Horses

Every Time We Say Goodbye

True Colours

Your Song

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WORTH NOTING

ABOUT THE MUSIC :

The Rainbow Chorus BUYS & OWNS the music you receive each term. Please use lead pencil and then **ONLY** to make notes about or to highlight the music. Use the paper provided for personal notes or reminders. Please erase any notes you make on the music before handing it in.

If you **MUST** remove staples, PLEASE REPLACE them before handing the music back.

The music you are receiving for the second term is valued at approximately **\$40.00** at current replacement costs. Sheet music does increase in cost over time and this figure is subject to change.

MUSIC DEPOSITS:

Everyone in the Chorus must pay a one-time music deposit of \$25.00. (separate from your membership dues). This deposit is to help the Chorus defray the cost of music in the event of loss or damage.

No person will receive music until the music deposit has been paid to the Treasurer .

If you lose music, the cost will be recouped from your music deposit and you will be required to "top up" your deposit to the \$25.00 mark.

If you leave the Chorus the deposit will be refunded to you so long as all music has been returned in good condition . You must sign a receipt for the deposit return with the Treasurer.

END OF TERM:

At the end of this term, the librarians will be collecting the music and folders from you to sort and re-file the music and return it to our off site storage unit to which we have limited access.

Please return the music **when we ask for it**. We are volunteers; pulling, filing and sorting the music is very time consuming. It is **MUCH** easier for us to have **all** of the music **at the same time** without argument. Putting the music back in alphabetical order before you hand it back would also be most helpful.

Thank you for your co-operation.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

The cost of membership is \$75.00 per term or \$150 per year. There is a sliding scale available (talk to our kind Treasurer, Brenda Eckhardt). However, every member **must** pay a minimum of \$20 dues per term. Currently, it costs about **\$800.00** per member per year to operate the Chorus; that represents a minimum shortfall after dues of **\$650.00 per member** we must make up through our fundraising efforts. Your support and contributions are valued!

THE BOARD: Colleen Lichti (Chair), Marg Perchaluk (Vice-Chair), Judy Schaming (Secretary) Brenda Eckhardt (Treasurer) , Carys Camani, Les Smith and Michele Breault. Bob Miller, our Artistic Director, is an Ex Officio member of the Board.

THE ARTISTIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Jan Baker, Jaylene Butchart, Maureen Evans, Diane Kilby, Bob Miller, Marg Perchaluk, and Les Smith are the current members of the AA Committee.

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