

One Voice Performances For 2005-2006

Saturday, September 18, 2005
Mankato Pride event
 OVation
 Mankato, MN

November 4-6, 2005
Journeys on the Road Less Traveled
 Outreach Tour
 Saint Olaf College, Northfield, MN
 UW-LaCrosse, WI
 MN State Univ., Mankato, MN
 United Church of Christ,
 New Ulm, MN

November 6, 2005
Queer Music Consortium
 St. Paul United Christ Church
 St. Paul, MN

December 15, 2005
OVation performance
 Big Brothers, Big Sisters Twin Cities
 Minneapolis, MN

January 15, 2006
One Voice outreach
 All God's Children MCC
 Minneapolis, MN

January 22, 2006
OVation outreach
 Bethany Lutheran Church
 Minneapolis, MN

January 27, 28, & 29, 2006
The Road Less Traveled
 Sundin Hall, Hamline University
 St. Paul, MN

March 25, 2006
Spring Fever Silent Auction & Cabaret
 Saint Joan of Arc Church
 Minneapolis, MN

March 2, 2006
Equality Ride Send Off with Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Minneapolis, MN

March 4, 2006
OVation Hurricane Relief Fundraiser
 Sponsored by Unity South Church
 St. Thomas University
 St. Paul, MN

April 21, 2006
OVation at the Outfront Lobby Day
 State Capitol Bldg.
 St. Paul, MN

April 20, 2006
Just As I Am
 School Outreach Performances
 Friends School of Minnesota
 Avalon School
 Community of Peace Academy

June 5, 2006
Queer Music Consortium Pride Concert
 Como Park Pavillion
 St. Paul, MN

June 11, 2006
OVation
 Mayflower UCC
 Minneapolis, MN

June 17 -18, 2006
Heartbeat: Celebrating Rhythm & Body With Guests Mu Daiko
 Great American History Theater
 St. Paul, MN

June 21, 2006
OVation GLBT Diversity Event
 Carlson Leisure Group
 (of Carlson Companies)
 Minnetonka, MN

ANNUAL REPORT



2005-2006



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When we introduced the option of multi-year giving, we also wanted to have a special way to acknowledge our major donors. These individuals have pledged this level of support for each of the next five years.

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Building A Mission Focused Organization



One Voice continues to grow, both musically and organizationally, enabling us to expand our mission of building community and creating social change by raising our voices in song.

For the second fiscal year in a row, we have engaged in an audit process, which will make us eligible for multi-year grants. Grant funding continues to strengthen our organizational infrastructure, making our work in the community even more accessible.

We have been able to sustain the audience growth of last year, keeping attendance at subscription concerts in January around 900 and for June over 1,000. We are aiming to expand and deepen our connection to audiences in the next fiscal year. The Dynamic Donors program for individual gifts to the chorus

continues to expand, as well. This fiscal year we produced our first fundraising breakfast event, focusing on our mission while asking guests to consider multi-year giving. The "One Voice Many Hearts" breakfast was a phenomenal success, which catapulted our donor base to a new level, reaching many more people who made a commitment of financial support to One Voice and increased giving levels significantly above past years. Gifts and pledges received at this event strengthened our financial foundation and enhanced our ability to budget for coming years.

At the end of this fiscal year, both our part-time Executive Director and our part-time Volunteer & Resources Development Director decided to move on to other opportunities. At the same time, we came to the realization that some restructuring would be needed in order to leverage our staff time more effectively.

Expenses came in over budget, prompting us to re-evaluate personnel expenses and structure. We decided to re-combine the Artistic and Executive Director roles back into one position, and moved operational functions and volunteer management into a new full-time Operations Manager position. This gives us two full-time staff persons, along with our part time accompanist and part time ensemble coach.

We are ever so grateful to all our audience members, donors, funders, sponsors, volunteers, staff and singers for raising us up yet again to new heights, ensuring our success in singing our mission.

From the Board Co-Chairs,
 Paul Petrella & Colleen Watson

2005-2006 HIGHLIGHTS

One Voice kicked off our performing season in November 2005 with an outreach tour to Minnesota and Wisconsin. Our presence in communities like Northfield, Mankato, New Ulm and LaCrosse were profoundly emotional experiences both for One Voice singers and for our hosts. One Voice's concerts brought together GLBT and allied people from all across the region who were empowered by our music and messages of acceptance and hope.

In January 2006, we performed **The Road Less Traveled**, three concerts at Sundin Hall that featured the premier of a new setting of Randall Thompson's *Frostiana* – a song cycle featuring the poetry of Robert Frost. This was such a popular concert that two of the three concerts sold out! We attribute the increase in attendance to a combination of effective marketing and public relations, a concentrated and well-executed ticketing campaign by chorus members, and the compelling nature of the program content.

Following the success of our January concert, One Voice partnered with

Mu Daiko, a Japanese Taiko drum ensemble for **Heartbeat – Celebrating Rhythm and Body!** According to the audience survey, this has been one of our most popular collaborations. We also had record attendance at this concert, with near sell out audiences for both shows. We featured an original composition by Holly Hee Won Coughlin, entitled *Matsuri Uta* and two additional compositions commissioned for One Voice!



Between our full-length January and June concerts, One Voice spent a day performing three concerts in St Paul schools. Our school concerts **Just as I Am**, focused on the theme of bodies and challenged media messages about body images. I spoke with students from Central High School and composed *There Ain't Nothing Wrong With All This!* I used portions of conversations as the lyrics for the piece. These students offered a wealth of poignant observations on the topic of bodies and the concerts were life changing for both the singers and the students.

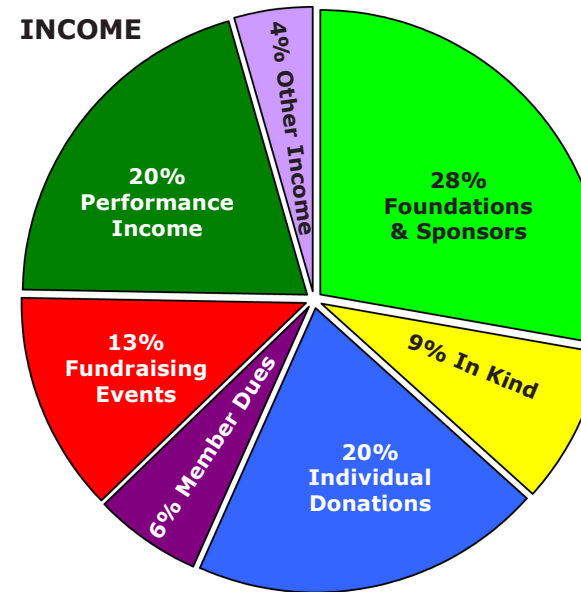
One Voice and our ensemble, OVation, provided over a dozen free performances throughout the year for community events, churches and celebrations. A highlight was performing at the send-off for the **Equality Ride**. The 33 Soulforce Equality Riders of 2006, all young men and women in their 20's and 30's, traveled from coast to coast on a seven-week bus tour to confront colleges that ban the enrollment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students. These bans devalue the life of LGBT people and slam the door on academic freedom and One Voice was proud to participate in their send-off ceremony.

One Voice and OVation performed an amazing 29 concerts during our 2005-2006 concert season reaching just under 10,000 audience members. Community outreach continues to be an important part of who we are and an integral part of our mission.

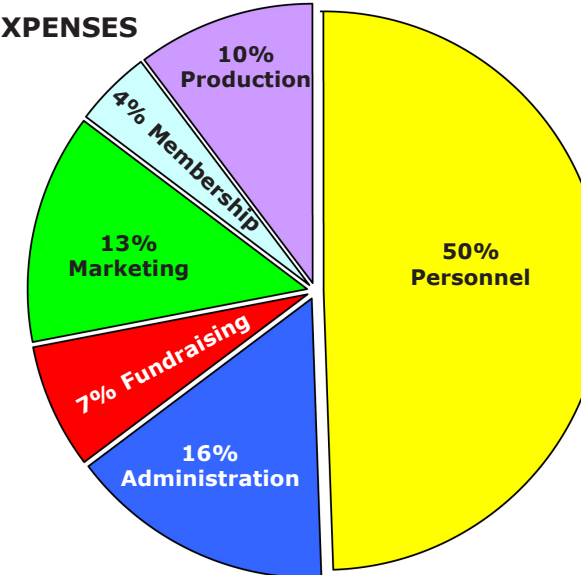
**Jane Ramseyer Miller,
Artistic/Executive Director**

FINANCES

INCOME



EXPENSES



ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash	837
Accounts Receivable	1,394
Grants Receivable	17,200
Contributions Receivable	24,317
Total Current Assets	43,748

Other Assets

Contributions Receivable-Non Current	61,278
TOTAL ASSETS	105,026

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	18,917
Line of Credit	9,424
Accrued Payroll and Related Taxes	7,519
Funds Held For Others	1,250
Total Current Liabilities	37,110

Net Assets

Unrestricted	(17,679)
Temporarily Restricted	85,595
Total Net Assets	67,916

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REVENUES/EXPENSES SUMMARY

INCOME

Foundations & Sponsors	55,231
In-kind	18,256
Individual donations	39,854
Membership dues	11,810
Fundraising events	25,405
Performance income	40,548
Other income	8,601
Total Income	199,706

EXPENSES

Personnel	117,195
Administration	36,146
Fundraising	17,302
Marketing	31,735
Membership	10,510
Production	24,290
Total Expenses	237,178

Net Loss

(37,472)

DYNAMIC DONORS

One Voice Mixed Chorus relies on the generous gifts of individuals whose hopes and dreams harmonize with our mission. In our 2005-2006 fiscal year, we were blessed with many gifts and wish to express our profound gratitude to these supporters:

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Bruce Bastien
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Colleen Watson & Mary McDougall
Laura A. Westphal, in honor of my friend Paul Petrella

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Jane Ramseyer Miller & Anne Breckbill
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Anonymously, in honor of the GALA Chorus movement

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