

ANNUAL REPORT



2007-2008



One Voice Grows Artistically, Financially and Organizationally

One Voice closed its twentieth year with amazing results across the board: artistically, financially, and organizationally.

The 2007-08 season brought about exciting changes on the board of directors, as we made new connections and increased our focus on strategic opportunities. We closed out the first year of our strategic plan and celebrated many successes, including hiring a full-time development and public relations manager and a part-time operations manager, bringing our total paid staff up to five.

Our 20th season also brought a renewed focus for financial management and donor relationship management. The board of directors took a more strategic role in investing resources in these areas, while also taking on additional tactical responsibilities. The results were that relationships with donors were

strengthened through personalized contact and our database was made increasingly more responsive through these contacts. In addition, the board took on the role of donor development with gusto, redoubling their efforts at donor recruitment and retention. Also this year, the organization was honored as Jane Ramseyer Miller, our Artistic and Executive Director, received the GALA Choruses Legacy Award for her outstanding leadership with One Voice, the Twin Cities, and the community at large. Jane, and thus our organization, stands as a beacon for other GALA choruses, giving us national recognition and paving the way for other organizations' success.

In July, we received exciting news. One Voice Mixed Chorus was selected for ArtsLab, an intensive leadership program for organizations like One Voice who want to take their groups to a higher level. The three year program focuses on strategic planning and peer-based mentoring.

ArtsLab also provides us access to industry experts through consulting services and access to best practices. At the end of the three year process, One Voice will have improved capacities in all areas of our organization, from leadership and planning to financial resources management.

As we continue to take steps to build capacity in the organization, the board of directors, leadership team, and members thank you for all you do help us deliver our mission. We appreciate the exceptional support we receive from our volunteers, donors, sponsors, foundations and other organizations.

Kate Reilly and Lisette Schlosser, Co-chairs



2007-2008 Highlights

One Voice kicked off our 2007-2008 performing season in November 2007 with an outreach tour to northern Iowa. Our presence in communities like Des Moines, Cedar Falls and Iowa City brought together GLBT and allied people from all across the region who greatly appreciate our music and messages of acceptance and hope.

A pastor at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cedar Falls summed up her feelings after the concert: "You have come at the right time—just a couple of days ago the quarterback of our football team was arrested for gay bashing. We need your message of hope and your mission of social change so deeply right now."

In Des Moines, one audience member was struck by the experience of seeing members of the GLBT community sharing a stage together: "In Des Moines the men and women's communities are completely separate. I watched the interactions between your singers and I could see your mission come alive in their care and enjoyment of each other."

In January 2008, One Voice performed with guest conductor Dr. Vance George, a four-time Grammy winner, in collaboration with Central High Concert Choir. These concerts provided an opportunity for musicians from across generations to sing together and grow musically under the

leadership of one of the country's great choral conductors. The two choirs also performed a joint concert at Central High School attended by roughly 375 students from four area schools.

These concerts addressed our mission in an effort to break negative stereotypes and present positive role models for the youth in our community. One student privately confided to Artistic Director Jane Ramseyer Miller that the concert was healing for her family—her father came out as transgender during the months we rehearsed together and the entire family came to the concert.

Another student wrote that working with One Voice helped him reevaluate his perceptions of GLBT individuals: "At first I felt slightly uncomfortable in the whole situation, but over time my attitude and maturity developed and everything was totally cool."

One Voice celebrated its 20th anniversary with a concert hosted by beloved humorist, musician and storyteller Dan Chouinard. The June concert, **Old New**

Borrowed Q! both honored the chorus' past and looked forward to another two decades of social change. Chouinard worked extensively to collect chorus stories which were interwoven into the concert and which celebrated the achievements of the GLBT community as a whole over the same time period. As part of the concert experience, we created a series of visual displays, including copies of every concert program, props from concerts past and photo montages. We also produced a new 20th anniversary CD!

In addition to these full-scale concerts, One Voice and our ensemble, OVation, performed many free community concerts throughout the metro area for a total of 23 season concerts reaching 8,500 audience members! Our 2007-2008 season concluded with performances at the GALA music festival in Miami. Our GALA appearance itself was a smashing success—in addition to a sold-out concert at the festival's main stage, Jane Ramseyer Miller was honored for her work in community outreach with the prestigious GALA Legacy Award.



Dynamic Donors

One Voice Mixed Chorus relies on the generous gifts of individuals whose hopes and dreams harmonize with our mission. In our 2007-2008 fiscal year we were blessed with many gifts; we wish to express our profound gratitude to these supporters:

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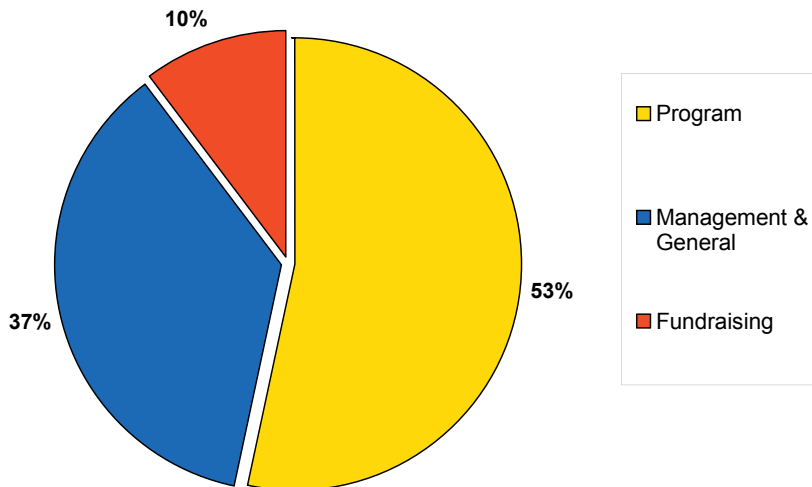
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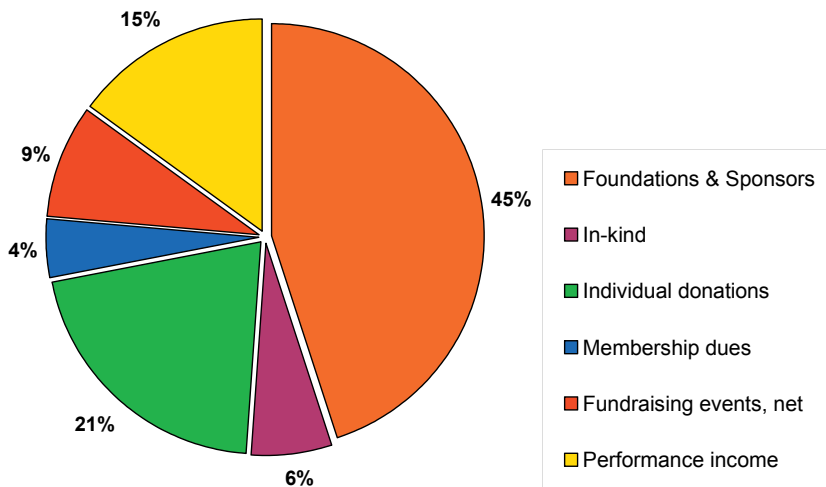


Finances

One Voice Mixed Chorus Expenses 2007-2008



One Voice Mixed Chorus Income 2007-2008



ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	1,443
Investments	2,946
Accounts Receivable	2,221
Grants Receivable	19,000
Contributions Receivable	<u>32,124</u>
Total Current Assets	57,734

Property & Equipment, net

Contributions Receivable-Non Current	<u>8,541</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS 118,419

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	10,112
Line of Credit	7,000
Accrued Payroll and Related Taxes	10,521
Funds Held For Others	<u>1,228</u>

Total Current Liabilities 28,861

Net Assets

Unrestricted	1,890
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Temporarily Restricted 87,668

Total Net Assets 89,558

Total Liabilities and Net Assets 118,419

Income

Foundations & Sponsors	118,750
In-kind	16,177
Individual donations	54,877
Membership dues	11,620
Fundraising events, net	22,772
Performance income	39,051
Other income	<u>116</u>

Total Income 263,363

Expenses

Program	137,743
Management & General	94,483
Fundraising	<u>26,629</u>

Total Expenses 258,855

Net Income

4,508

Brian Woolsey

PIANO

\$10 TO \$99

Judith Andersen & Kay Larsen
Regenia Anglin
Julie & Scott Barger
Martha Bentley & Rev. Becky Sechrest
Andrew Berton
Dawn Bjerkelund
Sarah Blum
Ginny Borncamp
Willis & Ina Breckbill
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Brock Metzger
Julie Miller
Randy Miranda
Denise & Daniel Niedzolkowski
Shannon O'Halloran
Eric Olmscheid
Peter Padilla
Richard Parnell
Kirsten Patterson
Karin & Dave Pettijohn
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Kris Potter
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Jim Young
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Harvey Zuckman & Philip Oxman

One Voice 2007-2008 Performances

October 8, 2007

OVation

United Church of Christ
New Ulm, MN

November 9, 2007

One Voice Donor Breakfast

Zuhrah Shrine
Minneapolis, MN

November 9-11, 2007

Fall Outreach Tour to Iowa

with Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus
Plymouth Congregational Church
Des Moines, IA
with The Quire
The Englert
Iowa City, IA
St. Luke Episcopal
Cedar Falls, IA

December 8, 2007

People of Hope Church

Healing Spirit MCC
Rochester, MN

January 25-26, 2008

Uncommon Light: Brahms and the Beauty of Shadow

with Central High School Concert Choir
Central High School & Central Presbyterian Church
St. Paul, MN

February 13 & 14, 2008

OVation

Val-o-gram Fundraiser

April 4, 2008

OVation

Opening Our Doors Conference
Duluth, MN

April 19, 2008

Spring Fever 2008

Zuhrah Shrine
Minneapolis, MN

April 25, 2008

OVation

Park Square Theatre
St. Paul, MN

May 4, 2008

Unity Church—Unitarian

St. Paul, MN

May 4, 2008

OVation

Benefit concert for OutFront
St. Luke Presbyterian
Minnetonka, MN

June 2, 2008

Queer Music Consortium Pride Concert

Como Park Pavilion
St. Paul, MN

July 21-22, 2008

Old, New, Borrowed, Q: Celebrating 20 Years

History Theatre
St. Paul, MN

June 29, 2008

OVation

Pride Parade Grandstand
Minneapolis, MN

June 30, 2008

OVation

Hennepin County Government Center
Minneapolis, MN

July 7, 2008

One Voice

Unity—Unitarian
St. Paul, MN

July 12-19, 2008

GALA Festival VIII

One Voice and OVation
Miami, FL

*I went into the project with no real reflections on what I was doing, but I left it with a renewed awareness – I don't have many GLBT friends. I felt a stronger connection with the singers than many other adults I have known for a long time. I just really liked the vibe that I could spill my guts and I would already be accepted...
– Central High School Student*

*I just wanted to tell you how grateful I am for your music and the One Voice mission. I am deeply inspired by the courage of GLBT individuals to be "true to themselves" even though it is not always easy. There is still much work to be done in the area of understanding and the need to address ignorance and fear.
– Audience member*

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Multi-Year Giving

Multi-Year giving is an important component of our strategic development plans. We have a number of individuals who have pledged multi-year gifts in varying amounts and continue to add to this list of wonderful donors. We are grateful for your commitment to the long-term viability of One Voice Mixed Chorus.

Crescendo Society Founding Members, April 2006

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