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WELCOME



FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

It is a treat for a chorus to work with a professional string quartet, and when I first heard Well-Strung I knew we had to get them to the Twin Cities! I was impressed by their musical finesse but also by their ability to combine classical music with contemporary pop — a perfect combination for One Voice's OUT in Our Schools program. Yesterday, GSA students from across the metro area enjoyed our collaborative concert with Well-Strung including a pizza party Q&A with Chris, Ed, Daniel and Trevor after the show.

Soon after booking Well-Strung, I had a call from the American Composers Forum inviting One Voice to participate in their "Healing & Hope Through

Song" commissioning program. I jumped at the chance to create new music especially for this concert featuring poetry, strings and choral music. I read over a dozen poet applications but Sierra DeMulder's poetry was an instant draw. George Maurer's soaring melodies and jazz-inspired harmonies were the perfect fit. It has been a pleasure to work closely with these two incredible artists over the past 10 months. Tonight you will experience the premiere of their collaborative work: *Still Standing*.

Well-Versed honors the power of words: to cajole, heal, educate, celebrate, provoke, prod, protest, and to influence change. Speak up, speak out!

– Jane Ramseyer Miller

Like a small boat on the ocean

Sending big waves into motion

Like how a single word can make a heart open

I might only have one match but I can make an explosion

- Rachel Platten, Fight Song



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to **Well-Versed**, an evening celebrating poetry and the beauty of language. Nothing is more beautiful than poetic language spoken from the heart. I remember when my husband proposed to me many years ago, he made a giant Valentine of banners filled with quotes by the likes of Shakespeare, Whitman, Keats, and Wilde with various declarations of love. It was and is such a beautiful expression of love and it made me swoon. Tonight we celebrate the love of language and the power behind words. Because as the song goes, "What the world needs now, is love sweet love" more than ever.

Christopher Taykalo



One Voice Mixed Chorus is Minnesota's only lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and straight allies (LGBTA) chorus. Founded in 1988, One Voice has been "building community and creating social change by raising our voices in song" for 29 years.

Known for their musical excellence, diverse programming, innovative collaborations, and deep commitment to community outreach, One Voice is the largest LGBT chorus in North America with 125 singing members ranging from ages 16 to 79, and nearly 50 non-singing "Fifth Section" volunteers. Under the direction of Artistic Director Jane Ramseyer Miller, the award-winning chorus inspires transformation through passionate, vibrant, and creative performances at concerts, during Outreach Tours and through their pioneering OUT in Our Schools program, now in its 18th year. One Voice has performed for thousands of people throughout the Twin Cities, Greater Minnesota and beyond, and is described by Chorus America as "one of the region's best ensembles."

One Voice Mixed Chorus: 732 Holly Avenue, Suite Q — Saint Paul, MN 55104-7125 Contact information: 651.298.1954 • www.OneVoiceMN.org • Info@OneVoiceMN.org



One Voice Mixed Chorus is a member of GALA Choruses, a network of over 200 queer choruses across the world, with a mission of inspiring member choruses to change the world through song. Founded in 1982, GALA Choruses is the world's leading international choral association for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied choruses. For more information visit www.galachoruses.org.

OUT in Our Schools

Since 1999, One Voice has tackled the problem of bullying and homophobia in our communities through our interactive OUT in Our Schools program. Over the years, we have collaborated with over 50 Minnesota middle and high schools to provide positive LGBT role models and quality music partnerships culminating in joint concerts with our chorus and students performing together. Through this unique program we also support educators and administrators at each participating school with their work building understanding and respect for all.



OVation is the portable version of One Voice—an a cappella ensemble that brings One Voice's music and message almost anywhere. Since its founding in 2000, OVation has presented over 200 performances, reaching over 30,000 people in dozens of Minnesota communities, at choral festivals from coast to coast, and internationally in Canada and Ireland. OVation performs at 20-30 community engagement events annually, in venues that have included the Minnesota State Fair, the Northern Voice Festival, the Minnesota Arboretum, TwinsFest, several Pride festivals, places of worship, and in partnership with organizations like RECLAIM!, the Aliveness Project, and Avenues for Homeless Youth.

For information on booking this talented and entertaining ensemble for your party, sacred service, business, wedding, coming-out party, birthday bash, or other event go to our webpage at www.OneVoiceMN.org, the Hear Us Sing tab, and click Book-One-Voice.



2017 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Well-Versed featuring Well-Strung March 18, 2017 • 7:30 p.m. Ordway Concert Hall 345 Washington St., St. Paul

Queer Music Consortium Pride Concert

June 4, 2017 • 3:00 p.m. — FREE

Note that this concert is on a Sunday!

Como Park Pavilion

1360 Lexington Pkwy N., St. Paul

The Pirates of Penzance
Pride Weekend 2017

June 22, 2017 • 7:30 p.m. (Preview)
June 24, 2017 • 3:30 p.m.

June 25, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Raspberry Island
2 Wabasha St., St. Paul

Showtune Showdown

July 17, 2017 • 7:30 p.m.

Woman's Club of Minneapolis

410 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis

For a complete performance schedule, volunteer and audition information, visit: www.OneVoiceMN.org or call 651.298.1954

ARTISTIC STAFF

JANE RAMSEYER MILLER



ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Jane Ramseyer Miller is in her 22nd year as Artistic Director for One Voice and also serves as Artistic Director for GALA Choruses, a national association of LGBT choruses. She holds Masters in Choral Conducting from the University of Minnesota and a BA in Psychology from the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. She enjoys creative community collaborations and has created choral music with The Women's Cancer Resource Center, Shakopee Women's Correctional Facility, In the Heart of the Beast, Kairos Dance Theatre, Mu Daiko, and Teens Rock the Mic among others. In 2008 she received the GALA Choruses Legacy Award for her conducting, innovative programming and commitment to community outreach. In 2010 she was awarded the ACDA VocalEssence Award for Creative Programming and the ACDA Minnesota Advocate for Choral Excellence (ACE) Award.

MINDY ESCHEDOR



ACCOMPANIST

Mindy Eschedor is an active Twin Cities collaborative pianist whose engagements regularly include vocal coaching/accompanying, chamber music, and theater work. She has performed with such companies as the Ordway Center for Performing Arts, Nautilus Music-Theater, Guthrie Theater, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres, Interact Theatre, Theater in the Round, Skylark Opera, and Minneapolis Musical Theater. Mindy is a Music Director for Nautilus' Wesley Balk Opera/Music-Theater Institute, and a frequent artist on the *Rough Cuts* series. Mindy was Principal Staff Accompanist at MacPhail Center for Music from 1999-2010 and currently serves as choral accompanist at the University of St. Thomas and Robbinsdale Armstrong High School.

GARY RUSCHMAN



OVATION MUSIC DIRECTOR

Kentucky native Gary Ruschman is an in-demand performer, conductor, and composer, with singing credits ranging from rock bands to the Prague Choral Festival, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, American Bach Soloists, and *A Prairie Home Companion* and was a member of renowned vocal ensemble Cantus for a decade. A co-recipient of Chorus America's 2011 Education and Community Outreach Award, his educational work has also included in-school programs for San Francisco Opera, Portland Opera, and most recently Minnesota Opera, where he was commissioned to create a new children's opera for the Nobles County Integration Collaborative in Worthington, Minnesota. On the podium, Ruschman has recently led performances of Blue Waters Brass, Bach Society of Minnesota's *Bach with Friends* baroque retreats, and was chorusmaster for Twin Cities Early Music Festival's 2015 production of Gluck's *Orfeo*. Gary currently serves as Director of Music at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Saint Paul, and is a 2016-17 recipient of a Faith Partners composing grant from the American Composers Forum.

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We are fortunate to have many dedicated individuals who generously volunteer their time and skills in service to One Voice. Many thanks to each member of our board of directors and the following chorus committee chairs:

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Auditions for our 30th Season (2017-2018) will be held in late August. Sign up at the One Voice table in the lobby to get an audition reminder by email or call the office to receive more information. One Voice rehearses on Monday nights. For a complete performance schedule, volunteer, and audition information visit: www.OneVoiceMN.org or call 651.298.1954.

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM!

One Voice has grown, creating a need to expand our committees and board. We are seeking talented people who are passionate about One Voice's mission and music to join our leadership team as board and committee members. Contact Christopher Taykalo at: ExecutiveDirector@OneVoiceMN.org (or) 651.298.1954.

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"What the world needs now is love sweet love, It's the only thing that there's just too little of. What the world needs now is love sweet love, No not just for some but for everyone!"

- Hal David

GUEST ARTISTS



Well-Strung

Well-Strung, a New York City based string quartet, derives their unique blend of vocals and strings by fusing classical music with the pop music of today. Members Edmund Bagnell (1st violin), Chris Marchant (2nd violin), Daniel Shevlin (cello), and Trevor Wadleigh (viola) spend their time making new music and touring internationally. The group was conceived by producer Mark Cortale and Chris Manchardt-strung.com



Sierra DeMulder

Sierra DeMulder is an internationally touring performance poet and educator, a two-time National Poetry Slam champion, and a four-time published author. A 2014 McKnight Fellowship recipient, Sierra's work has been featured on NPR, *Huffington Post, The Advocate*, and more. In addition to performing, Sierra is the curriculum director of the **Slam Camp at Indiana University**, an annual writing summer camp for high school students, and one of the founders of Button Poetry, the largest digital distributor of spoken word in the world. www.sierrademulder.com



George Maurer Composer

George Maurer considers his one-word job description to be "collaborator." His diverse career has included arranging music for the Chiffons and Buddy Holly's original Crickets, and performing with Dick Clark, Eric Clapton and Bobby Vee. Whether he's composing original music for Saint Paul City Ballet, arranging '80s hits for the Minnesota Orchestra or selling out the Dakota Jazz Club with the acclaimed George Maurer Jazz Group, George has a talent for working as part of a creative team and realizing a collective artistic vision. George, a pianist, producer and McKnight Fellow composer, spent the past four years touring the U.S. as orchestral arranger for The Midtown Men, the original Tony-awarded leads of Broadway's *Jersey Boys*. His arrangements have been performed by the Boston Pops and the National Symphony, and he has brought *Autumn Song*, his music-theater performance featuring the poems of Rainer Maria Rilke and Tennessee Williams, to Berlin and the Provincetown Tennessee Williams Theater Festival. George holds a B.A. in music composition from Saint John's University. www.georgemaurer.com

2017 WORLD PREMIERE: STILL STANDING

American Composers Forum 2016 Healing & Hope Through Song Commission

"Somewhere, there are fifty candles, burning." When I read Sierra's first draft, I knew that being commissioned to add my composer's voice to the memory of fifty lives that ended violently in a nightclub in Orlando last summer (among other themes) was going to be no easy task.

I sat at my old upright, pondering how to use my composer's voice. It was the day after the election, and I recalled the lights of many candles already snuffed out by violence, AIDS, and suicide. I was anxious all over again for those lives that would burn in the near future, due to the tolerance of intolerance.

"With reverence" is the musical direction I chose to begin with. Simple. Powerful. Throughout this collaborative process, I have listened to One Voice and Well Strung approach Still Standing with nothing but reverence. Is there no other way to treat all human life?

Tonight is dedicated, with reverence, to those mentors, some of whom are still standing, who supported me when I had to face my parents over that kitchen table long, long ago.

- George Maurer, Composer



The American Composers Forum (ACF) enriches lives by nurturing the creative spirit of composers and communities. We provide new opportunities for composers and their music to flourish, and engage communities in the creation, performance and enjoyment of new music. Our goal is to make composers, and the music they create, a vibrant and integral part of our culture. By linking communities with composers and performers, ACF fosters a demand for new music, enriches communities, and helps develop the next generation of composers, musicians, and music patrons.

ACF's Healing & Hope Through Song is a unique, collaborative program which brings together a composer, poet, community service organization, and a musical organization to shine light on an issue facing members of our community, and to celebrate the strength of the human spirit through a new work of text and music. American Composers Forum wishes to thank John Sullivan for the commission of George Maurer, and John Larsen and Tom Arneson for additional program support www.composersforum.org



RECLAIM's mission is to increase access to mental health support for queer and transgender youth. We strive to provide exceptional mental health support regardless of a client's insurance or ability to pay out of pocket by offering accessible therapy to youth and families, deep training to practitioners, as well as community education and partnerships. If you are a youth ages 13-26 seeking therapy, or a support person seeking therapy for someone you know - please send an email to info@reclaim.care or call 612-235-6743.

CONCERT PROGRAM

WELL-STRUNG WELL-STRUNG

SET ONE

Concert lyrics may be downloaded from the One Voice website. Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices that make noise. No photos or video allowed during the performance. Thank you.

Fight Song

Music and lyrics by Rachel Platten and Dave Bassett Arr. by Roger Emerson Intro: Isabel Miller Solo: Kory Wolter

Bridges

Music and lyrics by Bill Staines Arr. by Jane Ramseyer Miller

Well-Strung

Refuge from *Sing Evermore!*Music by Gwyneth Walker

Poem by Sara Teasdale

Spoken Word

Sierra DeMulder

Words

Music and lyrics by Anders Edenroth Featuring One Voice Ensemble

STILL STANDING

World Premiere performance commissioned by One Voice Mixed Chorus Music by George Maurer Poetry by Sierra DeMulder, inspired by RECLAIM youth and performed by Sierra

Healing & Hope Through Song is underwritten by the American Composers Forum with funds provided by John Sullivan with additional support from John Larsen and Tom Arneson

1. Fifty Candles Burning

Solo: Will Drew

2. Still Standing

Solo: A.P. Hopper

3. A Hundred Roses

Octet: Ashley Hannahs, Lynn Holden, Cece Klueh, Saylem Olberg, Jen Rivera, Kristen Schweiloch, Emily Smith, Tracy Villinski

4. Here

Solos: Kelli Heckman, Jay Kurvers, Jennifer Root, Austin Wiebe

INTERMISSION

SET TWO

Well-Strung

Spoken Word Sierra DeMulder

Let My Love Be Heard

Music by Jake Runestad, lyrics by Alfred Noyes

Gabriel's Oboe

Music and lyrics by Ennio Morricone Arr. by Craig Hella Johnson

Blackbird

Music and lyrics by John Lennon and Paul McCartney Arr. by Daryl Runswick Featuring OVation Solo: Anna Schultz

Pages from Kindling

Music and lyrics by Elizabeth Alexander

What the World Needs Now Is Love

Music by Burt Bacharach, lyrics by Hal David Arr. by Roger Emerson

ONE VOICE 2017 LOOKING AHEAD!

Don't miss our topsy-turvy, gender-bending production of *The Pirates of Penzance* featuring Anita McColley as Pirate King along with her swarthy crew of lesbian pirates, General Stanley's "daughters" and a live band!

All performances are FREE on LGBT Pride Weekend (June 22-25) and are held on Raspberry Island just south of downtown St. Paul, under the Wabasha Bridge. Bring the whole family with your blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic!

See you there!





Take One Voice Home With You!

One Voice recordings are on sale in the lobby. Support the chorus and take home a CD! Recordings are also available for purchase on Amazon, iTunes or OneVoiceMN.org.

Our newest CD, *The Man Behind the Dream*, featuring our January 2017 commission on the life of gay, African American civil rights activist Bayard Rustin is on the way! Order yours today in the lobby for delivery by April.

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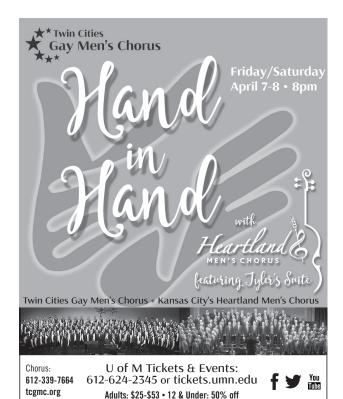
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