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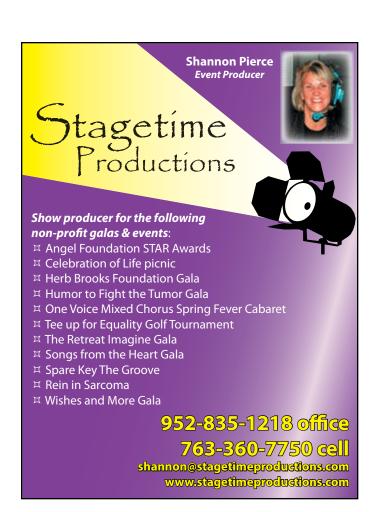
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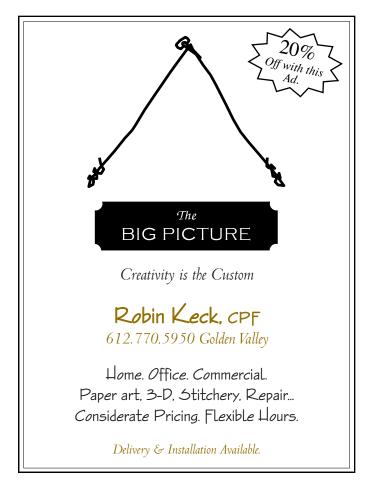


















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Minnesota's GLBTA Chorus

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One Voice Mixed Chorus is a member of GALA Choruses. The mission of the Washington, DC based GALA Choruses is to change our world through song. Founded in 1982 by fourteen choruses, GALA Choruses is the only international choral association for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied choruses. For more information about GALA Choruses and it programs, visit the website: www.galachoruses.org.

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What a year it's been for the GLBT community! This spring we have seen significant political strides forward in legal rights for GLBT people. Transgender individuals are finally becoming more visible in our culture, media and press. And yet, last month our own Minnesota Governor vetoed a bill that would offer health benefits to GLBT state employees. The struggle for human rights continues and One Voice is proud of the role we have played in changing hearts and minds through our music.

In honor of our 20th anniversary celebration, take some time to enjoy the lobby displays and projected photos, as well as program tidbits that honor our chorus history, One Voice "firsts," poignant stories, collaborators and guest artists. You, our audience, have inspired our music for two decades. Come celebrate with us!

~ Jane Ramseyer Miller, Artistic Director



Thanks from the Artistic Director to:

- The 459 individuals who have sung with One Voice in our first 20 years. You have envisioned and embodied the mission of this chorus in hundreds of beautiful ways.
- Our amazing 5th Section which is the envy of choirs all over North America!
- * One Voice founder, Paul Petrella, for the vision of bringing men and women together to SING for GLBT social change.
- ♦ The dozens of organizations and individuals who have collaborated with One Voice in our two decades. And especially to Kairos Dance and Dan Chouinard for sharing this anniversary celebration with us.

For 20 years One Voice Mixed Chorus has united gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and straight allies in working for social change. One Voice is known for its musical excellence, diverse repertoire, humor and strong commitment to community outreach. One Voice's 90 singing members span ages 17 to 70, and its "Fifth Section" boasts more than 50 non-singing volunteers. Together, they dedicate their time and energy to the One Voice mission: "Building community and creating social change by raising our voices in song." One Voice is the largest GLBT mixed chorus in North America, and has performed for thousands of people in the Twin Cities, greater Minnesota and beyond. For more information, visit our website at www.ovmc.org.

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outroach and our mission

One Voice has always thrived on community outreach. But in this year of milestones, we are particularly proud to mark the 10th anniversary of our very first school outreach concerts—in 1998, 60 singers took a day off work to perform in public schools throughout St. Paul. Performing outreach concerts hasn't always been easy, but the rewards have been immense—our fan mail brims with stories about how we inspire, heal and lift up our audiences wherever we go. Rest assured that outreach will always be an integral part of One Voice's mission.



"With every One Voice concert I have attended you're not just coming to be entertained or for the music. The mission of social change is palpable and I never know what I am going to learn or how I am going to be changed. My hat is off to you."

- audience member



"I definitely became more accepting and less nervous around gay people. I learned that you can't tell someone's sexual orientation."

"At first I felt slightly uncomfortable in the whole situation, but over time my attitude and maturity developed and everything was totally cool. Everyone ended up being way cool and extremely nice."

"You guys are all amazing, and sexual orientation/identity is such a small facet of one's personality. Really."

- Central High School students, after singing with One Voice



A little about OVation Ready Willing & Vocal

In September of 2000, One Voice created OVation, a small ensemble of singers who perform with the larger chorus and in the community. OVation was created in order to:

- Increase One Voice's continuing growth and visibility in the community.
- Provide an artistic challenge for One Voice singers who wish to develop their voices and performance skills within an on-going, small group of singers.
- Offer a setting for nurturing and expanding leadership skills within the One Voice organization and with regard to musical direction.

Since 2000, OVation has performed over 125 outreach concerts throughout Minnesota and beyond! We offer a huge thank-you to the past, current and future members of OVation who play a huge role in fulfilling our mission.



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Dan Chouinard

Pianist, accordionist and storyteller Dan Chouinard is a Minneapolis native who plays and records regularly with an ever-expanding roster of local and national performers. Chouinard frequently creates special programs for Minnesota Public Radio which blend storytelling, interview and music. Recent shows, "Cafe Europa" (2005 and 2008) and "Mambo Italiano" (2006) have been aired on public television and broadcast statewide on MPR. Recent CDs include a just-released compilation, "Collaborationist," as well as "Duets" from "A Prairie Home Companion" with Garrison Keillor (2006), Peter Ostroushko's "Postcards" (2006), and Ann Reed's "Telling Stories" (2006). For more information, visit www.DanChouinard.com.

Kairos Dance

Kairos Dance, founded in 1999 by Artistic Director Maria DuBois Genné, is an intergenerational dance company with dancers ranging in age from 4 to 78 years; each dancer is committed to sharing the joy of dance and unleashing its power to nurture and heal. The ensemble joined One Voice on stage for the 2005 Building Bridges collaboration, and the chorus and dancers will perform two audience favorites from that concert for today's performance. Kairos' awardwinning "Dancing Heart" program improves flexibility, energy, balance, memory and socialization of older, frail adults through movement, dance and storytelling—transforming lives

through movement and story. Kairos will be performing with elder jazz saxophonist Irv Williams on July 22, at 7 p.m. in a free performance at Normandale Pavilion in Bloomington. For more information, visit www.kairosdance.org.

Performers: Elinor Anderson-Genne, Gillian Bode, Sally Dixon, Maria Genne, Kyle Gerhart, Beth Gillman, Jesse and Makena Neumann-Peterson, Sophie and Scout Peterson, Peter Podulke, Nancy Saslow, Diann Storrs, Patricia Watkins, Moses Williams



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Craig Carnahan, Composer Notes: It Is the Song

I was introduced to James Broughton's poetry in 1991 when I was researching texts for Sacred Ceremonies, a large work for men's chorus and dance I was commissioned to write by the Walker Art Center. I was immediately drawn to the universal themes in James's writing and his uncanny ability to fuse simplicity with complexity, whimsy with intensity, and joy with gravity.

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Over the years, I've set James's poetry numerous times and, in the summer of 1994, had an opportunity to visit him and his partner, Joel Singer, at their home in Port Townsend, Washington. Even though James was quite elderly at the time (he termed that phase of his life "packing up for Paradise"), he was still brimming with creative energy. I came away from our time together full of musical sketches and ideas for future collaborations—including the text for this GALA Mixed Chorus commission.

It Is the Song is included in a collection of nine poems James wrote in 1971 and dedicated to his friend Alan Watts, the well-known interpreter of Eastern philosophies for the West. As is the case with many of his poems, It Is the Song contains a gentle, yet powerful reminder of the importance of being in touch with one's soul and unique humanity—to listen to one's inner voice and heed its message.

the show - set one

How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Lowry, arr. Gwyneth Walker One Voice has enjoyed a delightful relationship with this prolific and well-known composer over the past two decades. The Chorus has performed eleven of her compositions, including a June 1999 One Voice commission based on graffiti from the Berlin Wall.

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (ca. 1525-1594) Our January collaboration with Central High School Concert Choir inspired the choice of this stunning composition by Italian Renaissance composer, Palestrina. Listen for the composer's exquisite use of polyphony – four independent melodic lines (one for each voice part) that are woven seamlessly together.

Translation: As the deer longs for running water, so longs my soul for Thee, Lord.

We're Everywhere

Tom Wilson Weinberg, arr. Paul Siskind An oldie for One Voice audiences, this theater piece was arranged by former Music Director Paul Siskind for a June 1993 concert and has always included an ample array of props and singer "choralography."

One Voice

Ruth Moody, arr. Randi Grundahl Rexroth Borrowed from the Canadian hit trio **The Wailin' Jennys**, this choral adaptation was arranged by OVation's Ensemble Coach and was an audience favorite in our fall outreach tour to Iowa.

FEATURING OVATION – THE A CAPPELLA ENSEMBLE OF ONE VOICE MIXED CHORUS: CHERYL WINCH, BENJAMIN LAMB, BRITT ABEL, DUANE DIAL, JEN RIVERA, JOY MACARTHUR, KATRINA JOHNSON, SPENCER PUTNEY

It Is the Song

Poetry by James Broughton, music by Craig Carnahan - Premier Minnesota Performance A 2008 Commission for the mixed choruses of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA). It is the Song will be premiered this spring by twelve GLBT choruses across North America. These same singers will perform the piece as a mass chorus of 250 singers at the GALA Festival in Miami on July 16.

West Side Story

Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, music by Leonard Bernstein, arr. Len Thomas

Broadway tunes, medleys and dancers were prominent in our early years. One Voice adapted many musicals including our own queer remake of "South Pacific" titled South Key West which featured There Aint' Nothin' Like a Dame (sung by the sopranos and altos) and I'm Gonna Wash that Man Right Outta My Hair (sung by the tenors and basses). In One Voice's true gender-bending form we bring you "West Side Story" complete with dancers and a queer twist.

Tonight I Feel Pretty

Maria

Solos: Liz McClear, Zoe Nicholie A**merica**

DANCERS: BECK JOHNSON, BIRDIE MURPHY, BRYAN WUEST, DENNIS KEARNEY, ERIKA RAE, JAMES GOTTFRIED, JESSICA EASTMAN, LISETTE SCHLOSSER

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Somewhere (Performed at One Voice's premier concert in March 1989)

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Why We Sing

Greg Gilpin

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intermission



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Tjak!

Stephen Hatfield

Inspired by a Balinese musical ceremony called Ketjak, or "The Monkey Chant."

Três Cantos Nativos dos Índios Kraó

Marcos Leite

This Brazilian composer created Três Cantos based on melodies from the Kraó tribe, a group of native Brazilian Indians who live in the Amazon forest.

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Distinctions

Lyrics by Shams Tabriz (ca. 1200 CE), music by Kevin Wojahn

One Voice commissioned Distinctions in 2003 for Blurring the Lines: Music and Gender. Composer Kevin Wojahn is a One Voice singer and tenor Section Leader.

Text: I, you, he, she, we.
In the garden of mystic lovers
these are not true distinctions.

The Lavender Song

German lyrics by Kurt Schwabach, music by Mischa Spoliansky, arr. Randi Grundahl Rexroth During the era of Germany's Weimar Republic (1919-1933), Berlin was the center of social and political thought and hosted a thriving and decadent cabaret culture. The Lavender Song, which emerged from this milieu in 1920, was the first gay anthem for the emerging homosexual rights movement in Weimar Berlin.

FEATURING OVATION – THE A CAPPELLA ENSEMBLE OF ONE VOICE MIXED CHORUS

The Road Home

Lyrics by Michael Dennis Browne, music from Southern Harmony 1835, adapted by Stephen Paulus Assistant Director: AP Hopper

Solos: Birdie Murphy, Molly Keenan, Ashley Schumacher

One Voice has enjoyed inspiring connections with many of the fine composers who reside here in the Twin Cities. Paulus, who lives only a few blocks from the One Voice office, is a prolific composer whose pieces are performed worldwide. The Road Home reflects the One Voice mission of building community and finding a sense of belonging in this chorus family.

I Am Flying

Lyrics by Chia-Ming Chien, music by Nan-Chang Chien
Solos: Britt Abel, Molly Keenan

Thirteen years ago Jane Ramseyer Miller brought a love of global music to the One Voice community and to our performances. From French and Mongolian to Russian and now Mandarin, One Voice singers have tackled—and memorized—an amazing array of complicated languages and musical forms. I Am Flying was premiered at the World Choral Symposium in Minneapolis, 2003. Listen for sounds of cable car bells, meteors falling and scenery sightings.

I am flying in the sky enjoying the spectacular scenery.

The feeling is wonderful.

Flying wherever freely.

Half the Golden Gate Bridge is in fog.

Cable cars ring bells on the hills,

The Statue of Liberty stands against the wind,

Red maple leaves cover Central park.

The royal castles Neuschwanstein and Hohenschewangau are still standing.

But the swan carried away the prince's dream.

Leonid scatters its dust

Showering us with a meteoric storm.

There is no end to the beautiful view;

It makes me keep flying.

I wish to be forever flying in the sky.

Musical Risotto

Ionathan Willcocks

Solos: Darcy Juhl, Kristen Schweiloch

Premiered at our **Just for Laughs** concert with comedian extraordinaire Kate Clinton, Musical Risotto is created from Italian musical expressions. Listen for the way the composer links the musical style to each expression and makes musical references to many famous classical compositions.

We Rise Again

Leon Dubinsky, arr. Lydia Adams
Solos: Joy MacArthur, Kevin Wojahn
A hit from our Building Bridges CD, One Voice
audiences first enjoyed We Rise Again in a 2005
collaboration concert with Kairos Dance. We dedicate
this closing song to children and youth in each of the
schools where One Voice has performed—may they
discover the tools to build their own bridges within this
diverse world.

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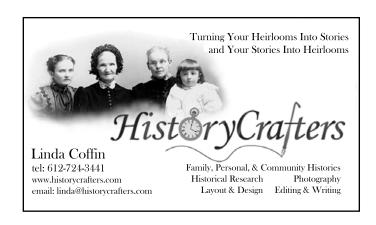
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One Voice Events Calendar

June 29, 2008, 10 a.m.

OVation opens Pride Parade

Grandstand

Hennepin Ave. and 9th St., Minneapolis

June 30, 2008, 12 noon
OVation Celebrates Pride!

Hennepin County Government Center 300 S 6th St., Minneapolis

July 7, 2008, 8 – 9 p.m.

GALA Send-off Concert – One Voice & OVation

Unity Church-Unitarian 732 Holly Ave., Saint Paul

~ FREE CONCERT ~

Come see a preview of our Miami concert!

July 12-19, 2008
GALA Festival VIII in Miami
Carnival Center for the Performing Arts
Miami, Florida

September 21, 2008OVation in Concert
Sundin Hall
1536 Hewitt Ave., Saint Paul

November 7, 2008
One Voice Donor Breakfast

The Metropolitan Club 5418 Wayzata Blvd., Golden Valley

December 5 & 6, 2008

Concert in honor of World AIDS Day

One Voice and the Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra Hopkins High School Auditorium 2400 Lindbergh Dr., Minnetonka

April 4, 2009
Spring Fever & Silent Auction
Zurah Shrine Center
2540 Park Ave. S, Minneapolis

June 20 & 21, 2009
Earth Matters
History Theatre
30 E 10th St., Saint Paul

Personal Notes to One Voice

Congratulations
on 20
successful
years.

~ Connie Nyman and Joann Usher MARKETING COMMITTEE

My deepest appreciation for your collaboration and hard work.

~ Cheryl Winch

MY PERSONAL THANKS to those

who have served on the board of directors and in committee leadership positions for One Voice over the years. They have given incredible amounts of volunteer time to the organization, essential to our growth and success. Special thanks also to Jane Ramseyer Miller for many years of outstanding leadership, and to the pioneers who helped launch One Voice in 1988 - Board members: Allen McCormack, &d Bartholic, Marnie Milbert, Darcey Spears, Nancy Cox, John Salveson; Staff: Cindi Brickson, Artistic Virector and Michael Zimmerman, Accompanist.

Sincerely, Paul Petrella, Founder

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Here's to the future!

~ Karen Muleski

20 YEARS IS AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT!

I am proud and humbled to be a part of a chorus that mixes powerful music with life-changing messages.



~ James Gottfried

arm wishes and congratulations to the past, present, and future members of One Voice Mixed Chorus, and all of those who have contributed to twenty years of building community and creating social change. Special thanks to our dedicated leadership team, staff, members, volunteers and donors. As we celebrate our shared success, we are eager to see what the next twenty years will bring!

~ Kate and Earl, Board Co-chairs

to WATION:

Thanks for the journey of music making, fun times, and sharing the One Voice mission. I'll cherish these memories.

~ Cheryl Winch

Nhank You

One Voice and OVation! for enriching my life and providing me a place to impact the lives of others through song!

~ Spencer Putney