



Spirit's Call Choir
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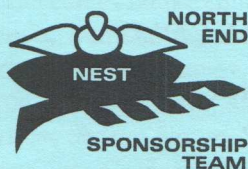
Guest vocalist – special return performance!

MEREDITH (DARLENE) SPEARS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2006, 7:30 PM

NORTH KILDONAN MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

1315 GATEWAY ROAD (AT SPRINGFIELD ROAD, NEAR PERIMETER)



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Program



SPIRIT'S CALL Michael Kurek

NOW OUR MINDS ARE ONE Michael Kurek (*read by Joe McLellan*)

WORDS OF WELCOME

WE SHALL RELEASE A NEW JUSTICE Carolyn McDade

I RELEASE AND I LET GO Rickie Byars and Rev. Michael Beckwith
(*sung by Meredith with choir*)

THERE IS SOME KISS WE WANT Denis Donnelly

TIBYEH PIEYOM Russian Orthodox Chant

SOUND WITHIN MY HEART Harold Moses

PSALM 23 arranged by Jeff Majors
(*sung by Meredith with choir, pianist*)



INTERMISSION



FOUR-PART CHANT Traditional

THE PEACE OF THE EARTH arranged by John Bell

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD arranged by Michael Kurek

WE SHALL NOT GIVE UP THE FIGHT South African Freedom Song

N'KOSI SIKELEL'I AFRICA Enoch Mankayi Sontonga

SIYAHAMBA South African Traditional

MYSTERY arranged by Denis Donnelly

IMAGINE John Lennon (*sung by Meredith*)

SPIRIT'S CALL Michael Kurek

About Spirit's Call



Spirit's Call Choir supports:

PERSONAL HARMONY—singing to bring balance and joy to our inner being

CHORAL HARMONY—singing to create beautiful harmonic sound in our vocal community

GLOBAL HARMONY—singing for causes that support transformation, justice and peace

Spirit's Call Choir began in an *Explorations of the Self* workshop with DOROTHY BECKER and MARGARET TOBIN in November 2000 at St. Norbert Arts Centre when people who had been told they could not sing found their voices and decided to form a choir. Our belief is that singing is the birthright of everyone! From the original 9 singers, *Spirit's Call Choir* has grown to 190 voices and includes novice to accomplished singers and musicians. The choir offers a supportive environment for remembering, reclaiming and celebrating the spirit and voice of one and all and welcomes all who want to find their voice and *Sing for the Joy!*

Spirit's Call Choir has a special relationship with NEST. Partnering with NEST is an ideal fit for our global harmony vision. Our first NEST benefit concert in November 2003 marked the choir's inaugural full length performance. We are delighted to present our 3rd annual benefit concert for NEST here tonight. The choir now also performs regularly for various other community and global causes and has sung at two national conferences.

On June 18, 2005, *Spirit's Call Choir* launched its long-awaited first CD *Spirit's Call Choir—Together in Harmony* at The Forks in Winnipeg. Part of the CD was recorded at our 2nd NEST concert in November 2004. Some of the songs are included in tonight's program and the CD is available for sale in the foyer.

Spirit's Call's non-audition choir continues to grow and change each season as more new members join us and our singing experiences evolve. Our original musical director LYLE EIDE (fall seasons 2001–2004) brought the choir from singing along to CD's to the concert stage! Director ALEX KIROV (Spring 2004) also made major contributions to the choir's development. We warmly welcomed MICHAEL KUREK as our musical director in January 2005. With Michael's direction, the choir has continued to progress, and has benefited greatly from his many musical and personal gifts.

Spirit's Call Choir is open to new members for the spring season—beginning February 12th—at the Unitarian Church (603 Wellington Crescent.) The orientation for members is at 2 pm—then full choir is from 2:30 to 4:30 pm (weekly – Sunday afternoons.) Those who love to sing and those who always thought they couldn't are equally welcome!

For more information or to join the choir please contact DAWN LAZAR at 488.0495 or dlazar@mts.net or check www.spiritscall.com (click on choir)

The choir is a Winnipeg offering of *Spirit's Call™*, which was founded in 1996 by Merv Campone and Dorothy Becker to contribute to the transformation of consciousness and support personal and universal harmony and balance through the integration of healing, learning and the arts. *Spirit's Call* is based in Vancouver and Winnipeg.

The *Spirit's Call Collection* includes the book *Spirit's Call – When the Spirit Touches the Soul*, the relaxation CD *Spirit's Call – A Companion for Healing* and an original art card. These are on display in the foyer and available for purchase this evening.

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Choir Members



MUSICAL DIRECTOR Michael Kurek

PROGRAM DIRECTOR Margaret Tobin

SOPRANO (62) Alice Dano, April Morton, Barbara Markham, Barbara Samson, Bessie-Marie Hill, Beth Martens, Bunny Hiebert, Carla Gray, Carol Hodges, Caroline Josephson, Christina Ogg, Claire Betker, Claudette Poitras, Deslie Cousineau, Devon Stearns, Diane Kunec, Doreen Pennys, Eleanore Chestley, Gail Wylie, Gerda Laninga, Germaine Isaak, Gertie Saltel, Gladys Comeault, Heather Punkert, Jackie Van Winkle, Janice Jon, Joëlle Brémault, Johanna Habinski, Joy Winchell, Joyce Burns, Joyce Eldridge, Judy Potts, Karen Arnason, Kristen Olson, Linda Norman, Linda Rzeszutek, Louise Gardiner, Marian Martin, Marjory Rhule, Maryam Wiens, Maureen Bliss, Miriam Werth, Nancy McAvoy Gajdosik, Natalie Labossiere, Neesyona (Jackie) Cuthbert, Patricia Orban, Paula Keirstead, Penny Scurfield, Ruthie Rubin, Sandra Scrymgeour, Sheila Bradford, Shoma Ray, Shona McLaren, Sian Evans, Tal Aviram, Tamara Coombs, Tina Miller, Tippi Guttmann-Nahir, Trixie (Beatrix) Wolff, Vera Willson, Virginia Dzikowski, Yvonne LeDoyen

ALTO (88) Adele Weir, Alison Kennedy, Amy Campbell, Annette Schultz, Annie Meinders, Audrey McBride-Christle, Barbara McCulloch, Betty Punkert, Betty Rowbotham, Betty Sanguin, Carmen Asu, Carolyn Mosher, Carolyn Redekop, Catherine Smallwood, Cathy McKinnon, Colleen Roberts, Darlene Golinoski, Dawn Lazar, Desa Cazic-Kalem, Dianne McCoy, Dianne Renick, Dimple Roy, Donna Pickering, Dorcas Wehner, Doreen Bouchard, Doreen Wuckert, Edna Stimpson, Elaine Bishop, Elaine Szymanski, Elizabeth Wotton, Ellie Willis, Gail Lefebvre, Gerri Serrette, Gerry Lockhart, Ginger Patchen, Hannelore Wurmman, Heather Emberley, Heather Gerardy, Heather Robertson, Heidi Wurmman, Jan Wehner, Janette Stephenson, Jennifer Vallance, Jenny Gerbasi, Jenny Kuchta, Jill Brooks, Joanne Raw, Joanne Schweitzer, Karen Bieber, Kathryn Ritchot, Kathy Wilson, Kendra Gowler, Kristrun Turner, Laura Davis, Laverne Carlson, Leona Grossman, Linda Omichinski, Lisa-Marie Stefaniw, Liz Adkins, Liz Barker, Lorelei Scott, Lorraine Pantel, Louise Gillman, Lynn Ibbitt, Marguerite Donaldson, Marian Bjornson, Marlene Reimer, Martha Epstein, Mary MacKenzie, Maureen Morrison, Nirdosh Ganske, Pat Holden, Pat Reid, Pat Reid, Paulette Krovats, Pauline Johnson, Priya Mani, Rosalie Loepky, Ruby Zacharias, Sandra Morrison, Sharon Simon, Sita Dookeran, Sonia Goertzen, Tanis Lamb, Val Hewlett, Vera Gardner, Wanda Gates, Wendy Wagner

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TENOR (24) Bonnie Wrighton, Brian Dean, Can DAH SEE Cross, Carol Runions, Charlene Zelanko, Ed Rzeszutek, Elisabeth Loewen Genest, Esther Korchynski, Garry Dano, Glenis Pacak, Jason Cheung, Joan Gervais, John Laninga, Karen Stock, Keith Garvie, Linda Meckling, Marcel Scholte, Margaret LeMaitre, Marilynne Keil, Nancy Buchanan, Nicholas Burns, Susan Nesbit, Tia Mallory, Webster Webb

BASS (16) Alan Wilson, Aubrey Hemminger, Cameron Gilchrist, Elliott Dowbiggin, Fred Brick, Gene Degen, Gordon Toombs, Henry A. Zacharias, Ian Irvine, Jeremy Vallance, Jim Beckta, John Buchanan, John Oldham, Leonard Greenwood, Marr Campbell, Wesley Stevens

PERCUSSION Henry Zacharias and Garry Dano

Thank You



NEST is grateful to:

- Members of Spirit's Call Choir, directors Michael Kurek and Margaret Tobin for their enthusiasm and philanthropy.
- Guest vocalist Meredith (Darlene) Spears for gracing us with her meditative selections, and guest reader Joe McLellan.
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- NEST concert coordinator Elisabeth Kunkel for logistics and liaison.
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- All who helped in any way for affirming the work of NEST.