

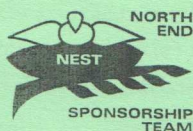


*Spirit's Call Choir*  
*Benefit Concert*  
*To Support Refugee Sponsorship for*  
**NEST**  
*North End Sponsorship Team*

*With guest artists:*

KATHY KENNEDY—VOCALIST  
FOUR OLDE TIMES SAKE—BARBERSHOP  
MARIELLE AUDET—CLARINET

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2007 2:30 PM  
JUBILEE PLACE (AT MENNONITE BRETHREN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE)  
180 RIVERTON (NEAR TALBOT AND HENDERSON)



North End  
Sponsorship Team  
(NEST) is a registered  
charity, welcomes  
donations and will  
issue tax-deductable  
receipts.

# Program



**SPIRIT'S CALL** Michael Kurek

**SIYAHAMBA** Zulu *arr. Thabo Mkize*

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

Confetimini Domino *From Psalms 105 and 117*

One Heart Beating *Sue Fitzpatrick*

## **GUEST—MARIELLE AUDET**

*Da Pacem Cordium Latin*

*Scarborough Fair arr. Roger Emerson*



## **INTERMISSION**



## **GUEST—KATHY KENNEDY**

*Freedom Train Afro-American Traditional*

*Adios Hermanos Paul Simon*

*Sound Within My Heart Harold Moses*

## **GUEST—FOUR OLDE TIMES SAKE BARBERSHOP QUARTET**

*Alleluia Russian Orthodox*

*I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing arr. Ruth Elaine Schram*

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

*Sing Joe Raposo*



# Sing



*La La, La La La . . .*  
*Sing, sing a song*  
*Sing it loud*  
*1 Sing it strong.*  
*Sing of good things, not bad*  
*Sing of happy, not sad.*  
*Sing, sing a song*  
*Make it simple,*  
*To last your whole life long.*  
*Don't worry that it's not good enough*  
*For anyone else to hear,*  
*Just sing, sing a song.*

*La La, La La La . . .*  
*Sing, sing a song,*  
*Let the world sing along.*  
*Sing of love there could be,*  
*Sing for you and for me.*  
*Sing, sing a song,*  
*Make it simple*  
*To last your whole life long*  
*Don't worry that it's not good enough*  
*For anyone else to hear,*  
*Just sing, sing a song.*

**SING** was created for *Sesame Street* and gained popularity when performed by *The Carpenters*.

**SING** was written by Joe Raposo, the staff songwriter for the children's television series and was originally slated to be their theme song.

# About Spirit's Call Choir



*Spirit's Call Choir* supports:

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

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

GLOBAL HARMONY—singing to support transformation, justice and peace

*Spirit's Call Choir* began in an "Explorations of the Self" workshop with Margaret Tobin and Dorothy Becker 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. The choir's belief is that singing is the birthright of everyone. With their spirited enthusiasm and glorious sounds, it is clear that this choir definitely CAN sing!! From 9 original members, *Spirit's Call Choir* has grown to over 155 voices and includes novice to accomplished singers and musicians. The choir offers a supportive environment for remembering and celebrating the spirit and voice of one and all and welcomes all who want to find their voice and sing for joy.

*Spirit's Call Choir* has a special relationship with NEST. The first NEST benefit concert in November 2003 marked the choir's first full length concert performance. Partnering with NEST is an ideal fit for the choir's global harmony vision. *Spirit's Call Choir* also sings for other community and global causes, has performed at two national conferences and is delighted to present its 5th annual benefit concert for NEST here today.

On June 18, 2005, *Spirit's Call Choir* launched its long-awaited first CD "*Spirit's Call Choir—Together in Harmony*" in Winnipeg with 2 live performances at The Forks. Part of the CD was recorded at the 2nd NEST concert in November 2004.

*Spirit's Call's* non-audition community choir continues to grow and change each season as more new members join and its singing experiences evolve. The original musical director Lyle Eide (fall seasons 2001-04) brought the choir from singing along to CD's to the concert stage. The remarkable talent of director Alex Kirov (spring 2004) was a major contribution to the choir's experience. Michael Kurek became musical director in January 2005 and the choir's sound developed significantly through his creativity. Jeremy Vallance officially became musical director in September 2006. Thanks to Jeremy's many musical and personal gifts, the choir has continued to grow and thrive and has become what you are experiencing here today.

*Spirit's Call Choir* welcomes new members for the spring season—starting January 20, 2008. The new member orientation is at 2 pm on January 20th. The full choir sings from 2:30 to 4:30 pm (January 20th and weekly - Sunday afternoons.) at the Unitarian Church—603 Wellington Crescent (at Maryland/Academy—looks like a house.) 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](mailto:dlazar@mts.net) or check [www.spiritscall.com](http://www.spiritscall.com) (click on choir)

The choir is a Winnipeg offering of *Spirit's Call*<sup>TM</sup>, 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 today and available for purchase with the choir's CD.



# News from NEST



NEST is a cooperative ministry of 6 Lutheran and 2 United church congregations plus individual members who work in harmony to sponsor and welcome refugees into our midst. Since last December's concert NEST has welcomed 6 more sponsorships with 22 persons bringing the total sponsorships to 37 with 134 persons from 18 countries: Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burma, Burundi, Colombia, Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Kosovo, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, and Vietnam. We currently have several other sponsorships in process or under active consideration. .

NEST sponsorships are normally arranged through Canadian Lutheran World Relief, our "Sponsorship Agreement Holder" with the Canadian Department of Citizenship and Immigration. NEST also works in cooperation with Welcome Place and other groups bringing refugees to Canada. Most of our sponsorships are for one year from the date of arrival in Canada.

Proceeds from the last *Spirit's Call* Benefit concert, more than \$10,500, helped NEST to complete three sponsorships: a family of four from Kosovo, two brothers from the Congo and three young women (two sisters and a cousin) from Burundi. NEST is presently caring for a mother, 3 sons and 2 daughters from the Congo and a journalist and his wife from Ethiopia. Recent arrivals from Burma are a mother with 2 daughters and 3 sons, and a father and mother with 4 sons and a daughter. As well NEST welcomed the mother of previously sponsored refugees from the Congo. NEST is grateful for all safe arrivals, a record number in the space of one year.

NEST is grateful to the *Spirit's Call* choir for promoting *Global Harmony* and singing for refugees. The world continues to produce refugees in need of your help. NEST is limited in the number of sponsorships by finances and especially by the number of volunteers available for caregiving. We would welcome volunteers to join a caregiving team, usually a 1-year commitment

If you feel you can help NEST or you would like more information, please contact Chair Jim Mair at 632-4757 or come to one of our regular meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, 211 Kimberley, next on January 22, 2008 at 7 pm.



# Choir Members



**MUSICAL DIRECTOR** Jeremy Vallance

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR** Margaret Tobin

**PIANIST** Gloria Enns

**ALTO** Florence Adamchuk, Denise Bissonnette, Doreen Bouchard, Karen Burridge, Amethyst (Amy) Campbell, Laverne Carlson, Marianne Cerilli, Sharon Chalupiak, Caroline Chartrand, Leigh Chenoweth, Heather Emberley, Gloria Enns, Ruth Epler, Martha Epstein, Marcelle Falk, Fruma Farago, Heather Gerardy, Rita Ghosh, Louise Gillman, Sonia Goertzen, Kathy George-Moore, Kendra Gowler, Chipso Hambira, Val Hewlett, Joan Hodgson, Rosemary Hood, Lynn Ibbitt, Lorna Jakobson, Pauline Johnson, Nadine Konyk, Edith Kowalsky, Dawn Lazar, Barbara McCulloch, Audrey McBride-Christle, Jane McGregor, Iona McPhee, Annie Meinders, Marlene Oldham, Diane Peeler, Diane Peck, Donna Perchaluk, Donna, Pickering, Betty Punkert, Donna Read, Pat Reid, Dianne Renick, Kathryn Ritchot, Marilyn Robbie, Dimple Roy, Carol Runions, Kathy Sawatzky, Juana Schoch, Mary Anne Schroeder, Brenda Sciberras, Lorelei Scott, Maxime Semchuk, Lynda Shapiro, Eldeen Stark, Holly Steele, Lisa-Marie Stefaniw, Lyn Stevenson, Penny Stewart, Kerry Strom, Pamela Thrift, Wendy Wagner, Jan Wehner, Dorcas Wehner, Elizabeth Wotton, Sharon Wurmman, Anisa Yaeger, Virginia Zazula

**BASS** Jim Beckta, Fred Brick, John Buchanan, Jim Chapryk, Daniel Finnen-Stewart, Leonard Greenwood, Ian Irvine, Robert King, John Oldham, Rene Perreault, Len Sawatsky, Robert Shawcross, Geoff Taylor, Alan Wilson Derrick Yaeger

**SOPRANO** Karen Arnason, Merrill Berg, Maureen Bliss, Rosalind Bradford, Sheila Bradford, Eleanore Chestley, Gladys Comeault, Tamara Coombs, Neesyona (Jackie) Cuthbert, Virginia Eugenie Dzikowski, Karen Feng, Holly Finnen-Stewart, Katrina Fuchs, Johanne Habinski, Carol Hodges, Germaine Isaak, Paula Keirstead,

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## Choir Members



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Jenny Kuchta, Gerda Laninga, Yvonne LeDoyen, Eleanor Lewko, Nancy McAvoy Gajdosik, Shona McLaren, Tina Miller, Jill Moats, Linda Norman, Christina Ogg, Patricia Orban, Brenda Pankratz, Noëlla Parent, Lena Pauls, Doreen Penneys, Heather Punkert, Shoma Ray, Augusta Redekop, Penny Scurfield, Carol Seburn, Margaret Tobin, Jennifer Vallance, Jackie Van Winkle, Esther Wogberg

**TENOR** Carolyn Andrich, Nicholas Burns, Terence Caslake, Jason Cheung, Can Da Ce Cross, Keith Garvie, Wanda Gates, Mark George-Moore, Lisa Aymont Hunter, Joe Jonker, Marilynne Keil, Esther Korchynski, Claudia Kuryk-Serray, John Laninga, Joanne Ledohowski, Gayle Leverton, Elisabeth Loewen Genest, Norma Marion, Brian Migie, Johannes Molter, Deborah Palmer, Marian Perrett, Ed Rzeszutek, Alex Stornel, Gerri Van Dyk, Margret Weber, Doreen Wuckert, Bonnie Wrighton, Charlene Zelanko, Victoria Papst, Mary Lyn Goodrich

## Thank You



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- to NEST chair Jim Mair and concert coordinator Elisabeth Kunkel for liaison.
- to Canadian Lutheran World Relief, sponsorship agreement holder for NEST, for constant support and encouragement.
- to all who helped in any way for affirming the work of NEST.