



SPIRIT'S CALL CHOIR BENEFIT CONCERT

to support refugee sponsorship
for North End Sponsorship Team (NEST)

GUEST ARTISTS

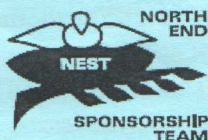
Deborah Romeyn

Monica Bailey & Leslie McInnis

Christine Shapansky

Sunday November 30, 2008, 2:30pm

Crescent Fort Rouge United Church
525 Wardlaw Avenue



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

Program



PRELUDE Christine Schapansky (Folk harp)

AHO MITAKUYE OYASIN, *Nickomo*

OPENING REMARKS

ONE MORNIN', *Traditional*

SIMPLE GIFTS, *Linda Steen Spevacek*

BISMILLAH, *Nickomo*

GUEST PERFORMER: Deborah Romeyn

BE THOU, *Carmina Gaedelica/Denis Donnelly/Nickomo Clark*

CANTATE DOMINO, *George Frederick Handel*

INTERMISSION

TIBYEH PIEYOM, *Russian Orthodox Chant*

DONA NOBIS PACEM, *source unknown*

EL CIELO CANTA ALEGRIA, *Pablo Sosa/Roger Bergs*

GUEST PERFORMERS: Monica Bailey (Flute) & Leslie McInnes (Harp)

ALLELUIA, *Russian Orthodox*

IPHARADISI, *Traditional South African*

CLOSING REMARKS

I BELIEVE IN MUSIC, *Mac Davis/Chuck Cassey*

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE, *Lennon/McCartney*

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

The Beatles

Lennon/McCartney

Love, love, love, love, love, love, love, love, love.

There's nothing you can do that can't be done.

Nothing you can sing that can't be sung.

Nothing you can say but you can learn how to play the game

It's easy.

There's nothing you can make that can't be made.

No one you can save that can't be saved.

Nothing you can do but you can learn how to be in time

It's easy.

All you need is love, all you need is love,

All you need is love, love, love is all you need.

Love, love, love, love, love, love, love, love, love.

All you need is love, all you need is love,

All you need is love, love, love is all you need.

There's nothing you can know that isn't known.

Nothing you can see that isn't shown.

Nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be.

It's easy.

All you need is love, all you need is love,

All you need is love, love, love is all you need.

All you need is love,

All you need is love,

All you need is love, love, love is all you need.

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 has a special relationship with **NEST**. Partnering with **NEST** is an ideal fit for the choir's global harmony vision. The first **NEST** benefit concert in November 2003 marked the choir's first full-length concert performance. The choir is delighted to present its 6th annual benefit concert for **NEST** here today. **Spirit's Call Choir** also performs regularly for various other community and global causes and has sung at two national conferences held in Winnipeg.

Spirit's Call's non-audition community choir continues to grow and change each season as more new members join and gifted directors contribute their unique musical gifts. **Jeremy Vallance** took over as musical director in spring 2006. Under **Jeremy's** enthusiastic leadership, the choir has been growing and thriving and has become what you are experiencing here today. Previous musical directors **Michael Kurek**, **Alex Kirov** and **Lyle Eide** also made significant contributions to the choir's development.

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. This CD is available for sale in the foyer today. The choir is currently working on the release of its 2nd CD.

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 was founded on the principle that singing is the birthright of everyone. From 9 original members, **Spirit's Call Choir** has grown to over 160 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 Joy!"

Spirit's Call Choir welcomes new members for the spring season - starting **January 18, 2009**. The orientation for new members is at **2 pm January 18th**. The full choir sings from 2:30 to 4:30 pm January 18 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 or check www.spiritscall.com (click on choir)

Spirit's Call 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 today with the choir's CD.

News from NEST



NEWS from NEST 2008

NEST is a cooperative ministry of eight congregations plus individual members who work in harmony to sponsor and welcome refugees into our midst. Since it began in 1986, NEST has welcomed 37 sponsorships to Winnipeg for a total of 134 persons from 18 countries including Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burma, Burundi, Colombia, Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Kosovo, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, and Vietnam.

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. Sponsorships are usually for one year from the date of arrival in Canada, but may be longer in special situations.

Proceeds from the last Spirit's Call Benefit concert helped NEST with five sponsorships. They were a mother and 5 children from the Congo, a journalist and his wife from Ethiopia and the mother of previously sponsored refugees from the Congo. From Burma a mother with 2 daughters and 3 sons, and a father and mother with 4 sons and a daughter arrived in November 2007.

NEST has agreed to five full sponsorships for 21 more people - two families from the Congo and two families and a young man from Sudan - as well as seven family linked sponsorships (19 people). Canada Immigration must approve these refugees for entry into Canada, a process that can take several years, and may be denied.

The first Spirit's Call concert in support of refugees and NEST took place on November 30, 2003, exactly 5 years ago today. It was at Lutheran Church of the Cross, and brought in \$4,830.02. A year later, November 25, 2004 the concert was at Bethel Mennonite Church with net proceeds of \$6,406.36. In January, 2006 at North Kildonan Mennonite Church net income was \$9,466.29. That same year, in December at Knox United Church Spirit's Call Choir brought in net proceeds of \$10,121.64, a record that still holds.

Last year, the concert at Jubilee Place Auditorium, MBCI, had net proceeds of \$8,869.07. Net proceeds from all concerts include ticket sales and donations from individuals and from the choir. Total net income for the five concerts is \$39,693.38. Wow!

NEST's Balance Sheet for the five full sponsorships NEST has committed to over the next years shows Assets of \$45,787.37 and Obligations of \$108,578.59, which leaves us looking for \$62,791.22. While committing to these families, we have struggled with and had to refuse many similar requests.

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 our 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.

Choir Members



MUSICAL DIRECTOR Jeremy Vallance

PROGRAM DIRECTOR Margaret Tobin

PIANIST Gloria Enns

SOPRANO Diane Bauer, Merrill Berg, Maureen Bliss, Sheila Bradford, Gladys Comeault, Tamara Coombs, Jacqueline/Neesyonna Cuthbert, Harlynn Duane, Virginia Dzikowski, Heather Halarewich, Bessie-Marie Hill, Carol Hodges, Germaine Isaak, Paula Keirstead, Gertie Krishka, Diane Kunec, Eleanor Lewko, Barbara Markham, Nancy McAvoy Gajdosik, Lynda McCorquodale, Shona McLaren, Judy McLean, Tina Miller, Jill Moats, Kathryn Molloy, Brenda Newman, Linda Norman, Patricia Orban, Deborah Palmer, Noëlla Parent, Lena Pauls, Doreen Penneys, Shoma Ray, Myrna Reidhorn, Penny Scurfield, Carol Seburn, Cheryl Simmonds, Mabel Somerville, Sandra Somerville, Fern Swedlove, Katherine Thiessen, Amanda Thrift, Pamela Thrift, Margaret Tobin, Jennifer Vallance, Jackie Van Winkle, Miriam Werth.

ALTO Florence Adamchuk, Nancy Addison, Denise Bissonnette, Shelly Blanco, Doreen Bouchard, Amy Campbell, Laverne Carlson, Shauna Carmichael, Sharon Chalupiak, Leigh Chenoweth, Josie Dumontet, Heather Emberley, Gloria Enns, Martha Epstein, Fruma Fargo, Kathy George-Moore, Heather Gerardy, Tricia Geske, Rita Ghosh, Louise Gillman, Sonia Goertzen, Kendra Gowler, Miriam Greene, Susan Hall, Chipo Hambira, Val Hewlett, Joan Hodgson, Donna Hulse, Lynn Ibbitt, Pauline Johnson, Alison Kennedy, Nadine Konyk, Edith Kowalski, Cathy Larsen, Dawn Lazar, Norma Marion, Lillian Massey, Audrey McBride-Christle, Barbara McCulloch, Lorena McDonald, Iona McPhee, Pat Miles, Frances Mitchell, Marlene Oldham, Diane Peeler, Donna Perchaluk, Cathy Preibisch, Jackie Radimer, Robbin RainSong, Donna Read, Carolyn Redekop, Pat Reid, Dianne Renick, Marilyn Robbie, Claire Sabourin, Mary Anne Schroeder, Lorelei Scott, Maxine Semchuk, Lynda Shapiro, Brenda Soares, Gela Stach, Holly Steele, Kerry Strom, Karina Thrift, Oksanna Trimble, Wendy Wagner, Dorcas Wehner, Jan Wehner, Elizabeth Wotton, Virginia Zazula

Choir Members



TENOR Lisa Aymont Hunter, Nicholas Burns, Terence Caslake, Sheryl Clark, Terry Dick, Karen Feng, Keith Garvie, Wanda Gates, Mark George-Moore, Mike Hodgson, Rosemary Hood, Joe Jonker, Marilynne Keil, Esther Korchyński, Claudia Kuryk Serray, Margaret Lawson, Elisabeth Loewen Genest, Kathleen Ma, Beth Mason, Linda Meckling, Johannes Molter, David Newman, Sheila Norrie, Ed Rzeszutek, James Silvio, Julia Walton, Margret Weber, Bonnie Wrighton, Charlene Zelanko

BASS Jim Beckta, Fred Brick, John Buchanan, Sidney Chapnick, Jim Chapryk, Leonard Greenwood, Ian Irvine, Mac McCorquodale, John Oldham, René Perreault, Bob Shawcross, Augustine Silvio, Paul Silvio, Robert Silvio, Geoff Taylor, Richard Thiessen, Alan Wilson

Thank You



NEST is grateful to:

- Spirit's Call Choir, musical director Jeremy Vallance and program director Margaret Tobin for their enthusiasm and philanthropy.
- Guest performers Deborah Romeyn, Monica Bailey & Leslie McInnis, and Christine Schapansky for performing to support NEST
- Sarah Blackwell and Alen Zukanovich for designing and preparing posters and programs, for their patience and expertise.
- NEST chair Jim Mair and concert coordinator Elisabeth Kunkel for liaison.
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief, sponsorship agreement holder for NEST, for constant support and encouragement.
- All who helped in any way for affirming the work of NEST.