



Spirit's Call Choir

Benefit Concert for

Hands of Hope

Saturday, May 10, 2008



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Program

Da Pacem Domine, Melchior Franck (1575-1639)

Manitoba Sounds, Neil Harris

Opening Remarks

Eriskay Love Lilt, arr. N. Prater

Springtime, words by Irene Gass, music by Mendelssohn

Guest Artist: **Marielle Audet**

Contemplation Chant, Sophia

Pavane, Anonymous 16th Century

INTERMISSION

Drumming Introduction, Eda Korchynski, Tim Church, Brian Migie

Peace of the Earth, words by Christine Carson, Guatemalan Folk

Melody arr. J. Bell

Yemaya, African Chant honouring the goddess of the ocean

Da Pacem Domine, Melchior Franck (1575-1639)

Guest Artist: **Sheena Grobb**

Native American Prayer, Nolan E. Schmit

Be Thou, words by Carmina Gaedelica, melody by Nickomo Clark,

arr. Denis Donnelly

Closing Remarks

Babethandaza, Traditional Zulu, arr. Ysaye Barnwell



Mingling & Refreshments (silver collection)

Da Pacem Domine

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In Diebus nostris.

'Contemplation Chant

Om mani padme hum (Buddhist)

La illaha, il Allah hu (Islamic)

Shalom Shanti (Hebrew & Sanskrit for peace)

Gloria in excelsis Deo (Christian)

Metta Karuna

(after a Taize Chant, arr. Nick Prater)

Metta (universal love, loving kindness)

Karuna (compassion)

Mudita (sympathetic joy)

Upeka (equanimity)

Spirit's Call Choir welcomes new members for the fall season:

Sunday September 7, 2008

2pm – Orientation for new members

2:30 to 4:30pm – full choir (weekly – Sunday afternoons)

Unitarian Church, 603 Wellington Crescent

(at Maryland/Academy – looks like a house!)

For more information please call Dawn Lazar at 488-0495

or check www.spiritscall.com (click on choir)

SPIRIT'S CALL CHOIR MEMBERS

SOPRANO: Diane Bauer, Merrill Berg, Maureen Bliss, Sheila Bradford, Gladys Comeault, Jacqueline Cuthbert, Harlynn Duane, Lin Goodrick, Johanna Habinski, Bessie-Marie Hill, Carol Hodges, Germaine Isaak, Paula Keirstead, Anita King, Diane Kunec, Yvonne LeDoyen, Eleanor Lewko, Barbara Markham, Nancy McAvoy Gajdosik, Shona McLaren, Tina Miller, Jill Moats, Linda Norman, Kristen Olson, Patricia Orban, Deborah Palmer, Noëlla Parent, Lena Pauls, Doreen Penneys, Judie Perry, Shoma Ray, Lorraine Rose, Penny Scurfield, Carol Seburn, Cheryl Simmonds, Fern Swedlove, Katherine Thiessen, Amanda Thrift, Pamela Thrift, Margaret Tobin, Jackie Van Winkle, Esther Wogberg

ALTO: Florence Adamchuk, Kimberley Belfry, Doreen Bouchard, Karen Burridge, Amy Campbell, Ellen Carignan, Laverne Carlson, Shauna Carmichael, Sharon Chalupiak, Leigh Chenoweth, Heather Emberley, Gloria Enns, Ruth Epler, Martha Epstein, Fruma Farago, Kendra Gaede, Kathy George-Moore, Heather Gerardy, Odile Gerardy, Louise Gillman, Sonia Goertzen, Kendra Gowler, Susan Hall, Chipso Hambira, Val Hewlett, Joan Hodgson, Donna Hulse, Lynn Ibbitt, Pauline Johnson, Alison Kennedy, Nadine Konyk, Edith Kowalski, Jenny Kuchta, Jacquelyn Lagiewka, Cathy Larsen, Dawn Lazar, Norma Marion, Audrey McBride-Christle, Barbara McCulloch, Iona McPhee, Carol Moriyama, Marlene Oldham, Lorraine Pantel, Diane Peck, Diane Peeler, Donna Perchaluk, Cathy Preibisch, Betty Punkert, Carolyn Redekop, Pat Reid, Dianne Renick, Marilyn Robbie, Dimple Roy, Kathy Sawatzky, Lorelei Scott, Maxime Semchuk, Lynda Shapiro, Brenda Soares, Holly Steele, Penny Stewart, Kerry Strom, Karina Thrift, Jennifer Vallance, Pat Vallance, Wendy Wagner, Dorcas Wehner, Jan Wehner, Elizabeth Wotton, Virginia Zazula, Robbin

TENOR: Lisa Aymont Hunter, Nicholas Burns, Terence Caslake, Jason Cheung, Can Da Ce Cross, Karen Feng, Keith Garvie, Wanda Gates, Mark George-Moore, Michael Hodgson, Rosemary Hood, Betty Johnstone, Joe Jonker, Marilynne Keil, Esther Korchynski, Claudia Kuryk Serray, Joanne Ledohowski, Gayle Leverton, Elisabeth Loewen Genest, Linda Meckling, Brian Migie, Johannes Molter, Carol Runions, Ed Rzeszutek, James Silvio, Ulla Stetter, Bonnie Wrighton, Charlene Zelanko, Kart Zelanko, Webster Webb

BASS: Jim Beckta, John Buchanan, Sidney Chapnick, Jim Chapryk, Marc Frechette, Leonard Greenwood, Ian Irvine, Robert King, Ivor Lockhart, John Oldham, Renée Perreault, Robert Shawcross, Augustine Silvio, Paul Silvio, Robert Silvio, Cliff Stornel, Geoff Taylor, Richy Thiessen, Alan Wilson

Musical Director: Jeremy Vallance

Program Director: Margaret Tobin

Pianist: Gloria Enns

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 in our world

This is Spirit's Call Choir's 2nd annual benefit concert for Hands of Hope. We are delighted to be singing on this Mother's Day weekend to support those most in need in Winnipeg through this wonderful organization and to celebrate mothers everywhere. The choir also sings for various other community and global causes and has performed at two national conferences held in Winnipeg.

Spirit's Call's non-audition community choir continues to evolve as more new members join and gifted directors contribute their unique musical gifts. **Jeremy Vallance** took over as musical director in the spring of 2006. Under Jeremy's enthusiastic leadership, the choir has been growing and thriving and has become what you are experiencing 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. The CD is available for sale in the foyer today. We anticipate the release of Spirit's Call Choir's 2nd CD later this year.

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. Our belief is that singing is the birthright of everyone. From the original 9 members, Spirit's Call Choir has grown to 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 the Joy!"

Spirit's Call Choir welcomes new members for our fall season – starting Sunday September 7, 2008. Those who love to sing and those who always thought they couldn't are equally welcome!

Spirit's Call Choir is a Winnipeg offering of **Spirit's Call™**, 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.

Spirit's Call Choir - Other Global Harmony Initiatives:

Spirit's Call Choir has performed 5 annual benefit concerts for NEST (North End Sponsorship Team) to support refugees settling in Winnipeg and a Peace Choirs benefit concert in conjunction with the Dalai Lama's visit to Canada in 2004 - for Miriam Centre - to support women and children who had experienced poverty and violence.

Spirit's Call Choir has sung for Sisters in Spirit, to raise awareness about missing and murdered Aboriginal women in Canada and for the greening of North Point Douglas. From its Global Harmony Development Fund, the choir has contributed financially to Simunye, a Winnipeg linked organization in South Africa that supports those affected by HIV, to the Winnipeg based OSU Children's Library Fund that promotes literacy in the poorest areas of Ghana, to Tsunami relief and to Acorn Gardens, a rural Manitoba project for adults and children who have experienced trauma and war.

About Hands of Hope

We are a community-based initiative that seeks to fill a large gap in services for those most disadvantaged in Winnipeg. The organization uses a van and trailer donated by the Winnipeg Foundation to pick up donated items and delivers them to families in need.

Hands of Hope is a registered charity in need of ongoing financial support to deliver basic furniture items to an increasing number of families. Many volunteer their time to help with deliveries, pickups, furniture repair, sorting items and administrative services.