# SPIRIT'S CALL CHOIR

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## The North End Sponsorship Team



## A SPECIAL CONCERT

to launch Spirit's Call Choir's long-awaited 2nd CD

"ONE WORLD ONE VOICE"

CD profits go to help refugees and all who have had to leave their homes to seek safety and freedom

With guest performers

Monica Bailey, Alexandra Pustogorodsky & Arlene Baschak

Haejin Kim

Saturday, November 28, 2009 7:30 pm

Westminster United Church | 745 Westminster Avenue

NEST is a voluntary association of faith groups and individuals who have joined together to sponsor refugees



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

## Program

SPIRIT'S CALL, Michael Kurek

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

BABETHANDAZA, Traditional Zulu, arr. Ysaye Barnwell
ONE WISH, Dave and Jean Perry
FEELIN' GROOVY, Paul Simon/arr. Kirby Shaw
PROVIDENCE FERRY, Joe Charron/arr. Ed Henderson
PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN, Gary E. Parks/arr. Jay Althouse

#### **INTERMISSION**

# GUEST TRIO: Monica Bailey and Alexandra Pustogorodsky (flutes) Arlene Baschak (piano)

DIVERTISSEMENT GREC, Philippe Gaubert

THE ENTERTAINER, Scott Joplin

BLUMENWALZER, Op. 87, Ernesto Köhler

"NOT THE BORING STUFF" (3 pieces), Mike Mower

SING SING, Serena Ryder

DA PACEM CORDIUM Give Us Peace in Our Hearts, Latin

BE THOU, Nickomo Clark/Camina Gaedelica/arr. Denis Donnelly

GUEST SOLOIST: Haejin Kim, organ

ONE MORE STEP, Joyce Poley

CLOSING REMARKS

JOY TO THE WORLD, Hoyt Axton/arr. Jeff Funk

Guest Percussionist: Hilaire Khalume

## Spirit's Call Choir Members: Fall 2009

Musical Director: Jeremy Vallance

Program Director: Margaret Tobin

Pianist: Haejin Kim

SOPRANO Diane Bauer, Merrill Berg, Maureen Bliss, Mary Bowman, Susan Cameron, Sharon Chalupiak, Gladys Comeault, Neesyona (Jackie) Cuthbert, Shona Davidson, Virginia Dzikowski, Karen Friesen, Maeve Gray, Bessie-Marie Hill, Carol Hodges, Germaine Isaak, Grace Dong Geun Kim, Paula Keirstead Andrea Kirkland, Annette Kletke, Anna Kowalczyk, Eleanor Lewko, Barbara Markham, Carol Martin, Nancy McAvoy Gajdosik, Lynda McCorquodale, Judy McLean, Carol Nowostawski, Suzanne Oates, Julie Odokeychuk, Patricia Orban, Noëlla Parent, Lena Pauls, Doreen Penneys, Judy Potts, Myrna Reinhorn, Juana Schoch, Penny Scurfield, Cheryl Simmonds, Mavis Steele, Katherine Thiessen, Pamela Thrift, Margaret Tobin, Judy Topolniski, Jackie Van Winkle, Susan Weldon, Donna Wilson

ALTO Denise Bissonnette, Shelly Blanco, Sheila Bradford, Amy Campbell, Shauna Carmichael, Monique Choiselat, Sita Dookeran, Heather Emberley, Martha Epstein, Fruma Farago, Kathy Feader, Denise Gamey, Heather Gerardy, Louise Gillman, Sonia Goertzen, Kendra Gowler, Beverley Grace, Val Hewlett, Joan Hodgson, Lynn Ibbitt, Pauline Johnson, Lois Kreutzer, Dawn Lazar, Audrey McBride-Christle, Iona McPhee, Patricia Miles, Frances Mitchell, Carolyn Mosher, Marlene Oldham, Beverley Oliver, Joan Paul, Cecily Phelan, Edna Pohl, Jackie Radimer, Donna Read, Pat Reid, Dianne Renick, Marilyn Robbie, Claire Sabourin, Betty Sanguin, Mary Anne Schroeder, Lorelei Scott, Maxime Semchuk, Lynda Shapiro, Brenda Soares, Gela Stach, Holly Steele, Kerry Strom, Wanda Swan, Laura Thompson, Patti Tweed, Wendy Wagner, Dorcas Wehner, Jan Wehner, Elizabeth Wotton

TENOR Ainsley Bloomer, Nicholas Burns, Terence Caslake, Alec Dundas, Karen Feng, Terry Folster, Keith Garvie, Wanda Gates, Susan Hall, Rosemary Hood, Joe Jonker, Marilynne Keil, Esther Korchynski, Claudia Kuryk Serray, Elisabeth Loewen Genest, Norma Marion, Beth Mason, Linda Meckling, Johannes Molter, Sheila Norrie, Norm Pohl, Ed Rzeszutek, Terry Sakiyama, Margaret Sucharov, Margret Weber, Lori Westman, Bonnie Wrighton

BASS John Buchanan, Gene Degen, Leonard Greenwood, Ian Irvine, Mac McCorquodale, John Oldham, René Perreault, Bob Shawcross, Augustine Silvio, Geoff Taylor, Richard Thiessen, Tom Tierney, Alan Wilson Lyrics

## Sing, Sing, Sing

by Serena Ryder

#### CHORUS:

You gotta sing, sing, sing, sing, sing out loud no matter if you stay on track;

You gotta sing, sing, sing, sing, sing out loud and don't you dare hold nothing back.

I've been around for long enough to know that everybody needs to sing;

No matter if you're all alone,
or surrounded by a thousand people with a thousand things.

#### **CHORUS**

You gotta sing, sing....

#### **CHORUS**

Don't you dare hold nothing, don't you dare hold nothing, don't you dare hold nothing back.

#### **About NEST**

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 41 sponsorships to Winnipeg for a total of 147 persons from 18 countries including Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burundi, Colombia, Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Kosovo, Myanmar (Burma), 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.

Three sponsorships were completed in the past year: They were a journalist and his wife from Ethiopia, the mother of previously sponsored refugees from the Congo and a Burmese mother with two daughters and three sons. Presently NEST has five sponsorships under active care. They are a Burmese couple with three sons and a daughter, a mother with twin sons and a daughter from the Congo, a couple with two sons and a daughter from Sudan, a related couple with one son from Sudan and the brother of previously sponsored refugees from Congo via Togo.

NEST has agreed to five more full sponsorships for 20 more people: two families from the Congo and two families and a young man from Sudan. As well, several more family linked sponsorships are in progress or under consideration. Canada Immigration must approve these refugees for entry into Canada, a process that can take three years or longer and may be denied.

NEST very much appreciates 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 it can take by finances available 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 Iim Mair at 632-4757.

## About Spirit's Call Choir

Spirit's Call Choir is a non-audition community choir that 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**. Supporting refugees to settle in Wiinnipeg through the work of NEST is an ideal fit for the choir's global harmony vision. The first NEST benefit in November 2003 marked the choir's first full-length concert performance. The choir is delighted to present its 7<sup>th</sup> annual benefit concert for NEST in conjunction with the launch of its long-awaited 2<sup>nd</sup> CD here tonight. Spirit's Call Choir also performs for various other community and global causes and has sung at two national conferences held in Winnipeg.

Spirit's Call Choir is honoured to launch the CD **ONE WORLD ONE VOICE** at this benefit for NEST. Profits go to help refugees from distant lands and all who have had to leave their homes to seek safety and freedom. "One World – interconnected – we harmonize as One Vice – to honour the courage and spirit of those who have left behind what they have known, in the hope of creating a better life." We hope you will support this cause and the choir by purchasing a CD (or several!) here tonight. As we approach the holiday gift giving season, you can both give the gift of song and support a worthy cause.

Spirit's Call Choir continues to grow and thrive under the enthusiastic leadership of **Jeremy Vallance**, who became the musical director in 2006. Previous musical directors **Michael Kurek**, **Alex Kirov** and **Lyle Eide** also made significant contributions to the choir's development.

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 150 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 17, 2010. The orientation for new members is at 2 pm January 17th.

The full choir sings from 2:30 to 4:30 pm January 17th 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 <u>dlazar@mts.net</u> or check <u>www.spiritscall.com</u> (click on choir)

Spirit's Call Choir is a Winnipeg offering of **Spirit's Call TM**, 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 tape Spirit's Call – A Companion for Healing and an original art card. These are on display and available for purchase in the foyer with both the choir's CD's.

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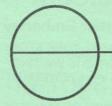
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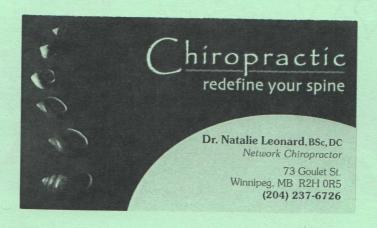
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