



# Spirit's Call Choir

Benefit Concert for

Hands of Hope



Saturday, May 8, 2010 • 7:30pm

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Piano Prelude - Heajin Kim

Namo Amida Butsu, Nickomo

**Opening Comments** 

Sana Sananina, African

**Imagine**, John Lennon

Guest: Deborah Romeyn, My Mother's Eyes

Adios Hermanos, Paul Simon

One Heart Beating, Sue Fitzpatrick

Turn Turn, Pete Seeger and Norman Leyden

Gaia Chant, Chloe Goodchild, Ann Mortifee, Denis Donnelly

#### INTERMISSION

**Guests: Encore Vocal Quartet** 

### **Mother's Day Draw**

Mother's Day gifts donated by: Villa Flora – 419 Academy Road Chocolatier Constance Popp – 1853 Portage Ave

Sing Sing Sing, Serena Ryder

**Africa**, David Paich and Jeff Porcaro

N'Kosi Sikelel'i Afrika, Enoch Mankayi Sontonga

African Alleluia, Traditional

**Closing Comments** 

Halleluia, Leonard Cohen and Roger Emerson

Refreshments



### Spirit's Call Choir - Members

**SOPRANO:** Diane Bauer, Merrill Berg, Maureen Bliss, Susan Cameron, Sharon Chalupiak, Valerie Clancy, Gladys Comeault, Neesyona (Jackie) Cuthbert, Shona Davidson, Virginia Dzikowski, Maeve Gray, Theresa Harvey Pruden, Bessie-Marie Hill, Carol Hodges, Germaine Isaak, Paula Keirstead, Andrea Kirkland, Annette Kletke, Anna Kowalczyk, Yvonne LeDoyen,

Barbara Markham, Nancy McAvoy Gajdosik, Lynda McCorquodale, Anne McIntosh, Judy McLean, Carol Nowostawski, Suzanne Oates, Julie Odokeychuk, Kristen Olson, Patricia Orban, Doreen Penneys, Penny Scurfield, Cheryl Simmonds, Margaret Tobin, Jackie Van Winkle, Susan Weldon, Donna Wilson, Susan Zacharias

ALTO: Judith Bager, Pamela Bager, Shelly Blanco, Amy Campbell, Davada Carlson, Laverne Carlson, Shauna Carmichael, Anne-Shirley Clough, Diane Denischuk, Sita Dookeran, Josie Dumontet, Maureen Elliott, Heather Emberley, Martha Epstein, Kathy Feader, Kathy George-Moore, Heather Gerardy, Louise Gillman, Sonia Goertzen, Kendra Gowler, Chipo Hambira, Val Hewlett, Joan Hodgson, Pauline Johnson, Norma Kerr, Diane Koch-Schulte, Gloria Koop, Lois Kreutzer, Cathy Larsen,

Dawn Lazar, Heather Lytwyn, Audrey McBride-Christle, Elaine McCrimmon, Patricia Miles, Frances Mitchell, Carolyn Mosher, Beverley Oliver, Kaily Pearson, Cecily Phelan, Edna Pohl, Jackie Radimer, Pat Reid, Dianne Renick, Marilyn Robbie, Claire Sabourin, Lorelei Scott, Maxime Semchuk, Lynda Shapiro, Brenda Soares, Kerry Strom, Wanda Swan, Colleen Sydor, Laura Thompson, Wendy Wagner, Dorcas Wehner, Jan Wehner, Frances Woolison, Elizabeth Wotton

**TENOR:** Ainsley Bloomer, Sheila Bradford, Nicholas Burns, Karen Feng, Terry Folster, Keith Garvie, Wanda Gates, Beverley Grace, Susan Hall, Rosemary Hood, Marilynne Keil, Esther

Korchynski, Elisabeth Loewen Genest, Sheila Norrie, John Oldham, Norm Pohl, Ed Rzeszutek, Shayla Schreyer, Margaret Sucharov, Margret Weber, Bonnie Wrighton, Ina Yakielashek

**BASS:** Fred Brick, John Buchanan, Gene Degen, Leonard Greenwood, Erwin Guentert, Ian Irvine, Bob Jackson, Ron May, Mac McCorquodale, Camille Page, René Perreault, Robert Pruden, Paul Ruta, Bob Shawcross, Bob Sydor, Geoff Taylor, Tom Tierney, Alan Wilson

**Musical Director** – Jeremy Vallance • **Program Director** – Margaret Tobin **Pianist** – Heajin Kim



### About Spirit's Call Choir

Spirit's Call Choir is an inclusive 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 is pleased to present its 3<sup>rd</sup> benefit concert for Hands of Hope tonight. The choir is delighted to support this wonderful organization. With this concert, Spirit's Call Choir breaks the \$100,000 mark in funds raised for worthy causes, both locally and globally. The choir also performs for other groups and has sung at two national conferences.

Spirit's Call Choir was honoured to receive the Mayor's Volunteer Service Award for the arts on April 20, 2010. The choir was nominated by NEST (North End Sponsorship Team). NEST supports refugees settling in Winnipeg and inspired Spirit's Call Choir's first benefit concert in November 2003.

Spirit's Call Choir launched its long awaited 2<sup>nd</sup> CD *ONE WORLD ONE VOICE* at it's 7<sup>th</sup> annual concert for NEST on November 28, 2009. Profits go to help refugees from distant lands and all who have had to leave their homes to seek safety and freedom. ONE WORLD ONE VOICE and the choir's first CD Together in Harmony are available for purchase here tonight. Choir CD's offer another way to give the gift of song for Mother's Day - and to bring the energy of this spirited singing into your homes and cars!

Spirit's Call Choir continues to grow and thrive under the enthusiastic leadership of Jeremy Vallance, musical director since Spring 2006. Previous musical directors Michael Kurek, Alex Kirov and Lyle Eide also made significant contributions to the choir's development. Spirit's Call Choir grew out of an "Explorations of the Self" workshop with Dorothy Becker and Margaret Tobin in November 2000 when people who had been told they couldn't 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 130 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 those who want to find their voice and sing for joy!

Spirit's Call Choir invites new members for the fall season – starting **Sunday September 12**, **2010**. The orientation for new members is at 2 pm on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The full choir sings from 2:30 to 4:30pm September 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Also see www.spiritscall.com (click on choir).

Spirit's Call Choir is a Winnipeg offering of Spirit's Call™ - founded in Vancouver 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. Winnipeg's Spirit's Call Choir makes real the founding vision to raise money for development work through the creative arts.

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 the choir's CD's.

### **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 and administrative services.