



Winter Love

Sunday December 4th 2016 2:30 PM

Jubilee Concert Hall

**Benefit concert in support of
Little Stars PLAYhouse**

Featuring Musical Guests

THE JANZEN BOYS



About Margaret's Choir

Margaret's Choir is an inclusive, non-audition, community choir that sings for joy and supports:

- personal harmony* - to bring balance and joy to our inner being
- choral harmony* - to create beautiful vocal sound in community
- global harmony* - to support equality, justice and peace through two annual benefit concerts

History

Margaret's Choir, previously, "Spirit's Call Choir was founded on the principle that singing is the birthright of everyone." The choir began in the year 2000 after an *Exploration of Self Workshop* and operated under the wisdom and guidance of Margaret Tobin (1946-2014). Some workshop participants shared that they had been told to mouth words in school choirs and continued their lives thinking they could not sing. In 2014 the choir's name was changed to Margaret's Choir to honour its founder. Margaret's choir welcomes all voices, the choir has grown from 9 to 206 singers, please visit our website to see the list of beneficiaries Margaret's choir has supported through two benefit concerts a year in May and December

Benefit Concerts

To date the choir has raised over \$208,000.00 for local and global causes.

Nathan Poole - Musical Director

Hailing from St. Paul, Minnesota, Nathan has conducted and performed as artistic director of several choral groups including Prairie Voices and the Central Manitoba Youth Choir. He has sung for Henry Engbrecht and Dr. Elroy Friesen, travelling across Canada and to the United Kingdom with the University Singers. In addition to Margaret's Choir, he is in his eighth year of service as Director of Music at Westminster United Church and is the current president of the Manitoba Choral Association. Nathan loves to teach, and currently offers lessons in violin and piano to a number of children and adults in Winnipeg

Program

Bridge over Troubled Water	Paul Simon, arr. Kirby Shaw
In my Life	Lennon/McCartney arr. Greg Jasperse
I Love you/What a Wonderful World	arr. Craig Hella Johnson
Annie's Song	John Denver
White Winter Hymnal	Fleet Foxes, arr. Alan Billingsley
Glow	Eric Whitacre
Winter Wonderland	arr. Ed Lojeski
Four Strong Winds	Ian & Sylvia, arr. Larry Nickel

The Janzen Boys

Father-and-sons trio, The Janzen Boys, got their start busking as a rootsy, harmony-singing family playing in various places around Winnipeg, Manitoba. It wasn't long, however, before there was a demand for more. They were chosen for a showcase at Winnipeg's iconic West End Cultural Centre and the ball started to roll. Soon their 4 song EP was being played on radio stations around Manitoba. Their schedule was soon filled with house concerts and festival gigs all over the province. The highlight of the summer was their Western Canada Busking Roadie which took them all the way to B.C. and back, playing in music venues, farmer's markets, and public spaces from here to Kelowna.

Summer 2016 found The Janzen Boys partnering with Juno-award winning producer Murray Pulver to develop the music portion of their Fringe festival play. With Murray's wealth of experience in production, as well as the voice talents of local singers Erin Propp, Alexa Dirks, and William Prince, Blink's Garden was released by Siloam Mission as a CD book on November 1, 2016.

Margaret's Choir Singers

Soprano

Anna Neustaedter, Anne Lyons, Anne McIntosh, Anne Mott, Atlanta Sloane-Seale, Bernice Blakeman, Bessie-Marie Hill, Brenda McCartin, Carol-Ann Leschasin, Carolyn Nowostawski, Cheryl Simmonds, Darlene Elias, Dawn DeCraene-Young, Dawn Cunningham, Diane Denischuk, Diane Sabourin, Diane Skalendar, Doreen Penneys, Edna Pohl, Frances Ravinsky, Gladys Comeault, Heather de Lange, Jackie Van Winkle, Jane Bibik, Janet Spence, Janina McKinnon, Jean Skromeda, Joan Dentry, Joanne Fulford, Jocelyn Johnson, Joyce Eldridge, Judy de Lange, Julia Odakeychuk, June Kaan, Katherine Cullihall, Kathy Scott, Kristin McCrea, Laurel Ames, Laurie Massaro, Lesley Stewart, Liz Martin, Madeleine Carlson, Margaret Fast, Marilyn Kenny, Marina McCaffrey, Maureen Bliss, Merrill Berg, Mikaela Young, Nancy McAvoy Gajdosik, Paige Curry, Pamela Watson, Paula Keirstead, Paula Tassie, Penny Scurfield, Phyllis Toews, Roberta Good, Roberta Rackal, Rosemary Schallmann, Ruth Thomson, Sharon Chalupiak, Shelly Blanco, Shona Davidson, Simone Kirwan, Sue Oates, Susan Thorpe, Suzanne Leveille, Sylvia Zubert, Tannis Hewitt, Terry Cooke, Theresa Harvey Pruden, Ti Hallas, Tracy Roberts, Valentine Wojitas, Valerie Clancy, Vee Adolf, Vera Willson

Alto

Anna Bergen, Anne Yankiwski, Audrey McBride-Christle, Beverley Oliver, Brenda Soares, Brooke Hewitt, Candice Ludwig, Carla Droznak, Carol Galloway, Cecile Chambers, Cecily Phelan, Colleen Singbeil, Colleen Sydor, Darlene Jempson, Davada Carlson, Dawn Lazar, Debbie Kelly, Diane McCrea, Dianne Brown, Dianne Renick, Dolores Minkus-Hofley, Donna Graham, Dorcas Wehner, Doreen Phimister, Dorie Leven, Elizabeth Challis, Elizabeth Wotton, Erika Csak, Frances Mitchell, Frances Woolison, Heather Emberley, Heather Gerardy, Heather Sadowy, Ida Reichardt, Jane Markesteyn, Janelle Cancaide-White, Janette Stephenson, Jeannine Theoret, Joan Hodgson, Joanna Schellenberg, Judy Redpath, Justine Kiwanuka, Kathryn Ritchot, Kathy Conner, Kathy George Moore, Kerry Strom, Kristina Hunter, Linda Campbell, Lorraine Decock, Lorraine O'Leary, Lorraine Saramaga, Louise Gillman, Lynne Hebert, Lynne Wichenko, Mabel Somerville, Marcia Cholakis, Marianne Twigg, Marie Buisson, Marilyn Robbie, Mary Anne Schroeder, Nancy Addison, Nancy Clyde, Nancy O'Brien, Norma Kerr, Pamela Skyhar, Pat Reid, Patricia Walmsley, Rachael Mont, Razel Mar, Sacha Kopelow, Sandra Alston, Sandra Somerville, Shannon Doole, Sharon Segal, Sharon Taevs, Sherri du Croix, Stephanie Swain, Sue Green, Susanna Portnoy, Tanya Schulz, Teresa Collins, Ute Hanyecz, Val Hazelton, Valerie Giesbrecht, Valerie Nicholson

Tenor

Bonnie Wrighton, Diane Zielonko, Ed Rzeszutek, Elizabeth Arauz-Tijerino, Esther Korchynski, Frances Biela, Gail Bauer, Harvey Jenkins, John Bluthner, John Molter, John Redekop, Leonard Greenwood, Linda Meckling, Margaret Sucharov, Marilynne Keil, Norm Pohl, Paul Kagolo, Rob Twigg, Robert Campbell, Sheila Norrie

Bass

Alvin Kaskie, Erwin Guentert, Gene Degen, Geoff Taylor, Ian Irvine, Jack Vercaigne, James McBride, Jim Bechtal, John Buchanan, John Tanner, Mark George Moore, Pat Stewart, Randy Horel, Ray Fulford, Rene Perreault, Robert Miller, Robert Pruden, Roger Hayes, Ron May, Sheila Bradford, Terry Galloway

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The LITTLE STARS PLAYhouse:

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2. Make cheque payable to United Way Winnipeg and be sure to note on the cheque that your United Way donation is for **Woman Healing For Change charitable no. 891621864RR0001**. The above info is necessary. They have WHFC on file. A \$12 processing fee is charged by United Way. United Way will send you a receipt for your donation.
3. Go online to www.Canadahelps.org and under DONATE find our charity Woman Healing For Change. You can contribute to WHFC online and will receive a charitable receipt immediately.
4. Donate a gift or be a sponsor for a future fundraiser.
5. Donate on our GoFundMe page ... search **Little Stars Playhouse**.
6. Join the PLAYhouse Team. We met once a month. Contact Gerrie 204-668-1515 or Judith 204-775-9765

About Woman Healing For Change Inc. (WHFC) charitable # 891621864RR0001 is a cross cultural, diverse and expanding circle of women converging to create environments of learning and healing for women. We are a volunteer based non-profit organization founded in 1993. In all our activities we provide an environment of inclusiveness. We break down barriers that women and their children face... and promote healing from trauma, violence, abuse and discrimination. When one woman heals, there is positive growth to their family (especially their children) and to their community. Every year we hold retreats and workshops. One of our main PROGRAMS is North End Stay and Play for Babies to 5 and their caregivers. We are thrilled to be part of building the LITTLE STARS PLAYhouse for North End Babies to 5 year olds and their caregivers.

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Charmaine Bacon - Pianist

Charmaine Bacon (BMus, MMus) is currently the music director and organist at St. Peter's Anglican Church. She is a classically trained pianist and flutist currently studying organ with Lottie Enns-Braun. Charmaine is the pianist for Margaret's Choir under the direction of Nathan Poole, the Silver Notes Choir directed by Marilyn Mensforth, and Joie de Vivre with John Tanner. She is also currently filling in as pianist for the RETSD choir and Winnipeg Youth Chorus. Charmaine is on faculty at the Manitoba Conservatory of Music and Arts as flute instructor and teaches privately in River Heights. She is co-artistic director and flutist of the Wind Chamber Concert Series at Crescent Fort Rouge United and performs as flutist and piccoloist in the Winnipeg Wind Ensemble.

Luminous String Quartet

Karen Barg.	Violin
Aimee Warkentin.	Violin
Sarah Carswell.	Viola
Natalie Dawe.	Cello

Margaret's Choir Winter Season Sunday, January 8, 2017

Orientation for new members is at 1:30 PM.
Rehearsals, Sunday afternoons, 2:00-4:30PM.
Unitarian Universalist Church. 603 Wellington Crescent.
No singing experience necessary.
All who love to sing or want to sing are welcome.

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Margaret's Choir wishes to thank the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg for renting us the beautiful space for our rehearsals and MBCI for renting us Jubilee Place.

The **LITTLE STARS PLAYhouse Team** wishes to thank Margaret's Choir and the audience today. The proceeds of this amazing concert will become part of the capital needed to build the **LITTLE STARS PLAYhouse** for our North End babies to 5 year olds and their caregivers.

About LITTLE STARS PLAYhouse for North End Babies to 5 and their caregivers

LITTLE STARS PLAYhouse has grown out of the weekly and year round North End Stay and Play (NESP) for babies to 5 and their caregivers. NESP has been running for over 8 years. We have listened closely and carefully to our North End families. Our families are living in the most impoverished neighbourhoods of North End Winnipeg. Our families have told us that they want to hold onto their children and attend NESP with them. When the parent is working or going to school, auntie, Kokum, cousin, neighbour, adult sibling, uncle, Nana, etc. brings the child. We are becoming the "ATTACHMENT Village" for our North End children.

In 2017 a custom-built **LITTLE STARS PLAYhouse** will be constructed and become part of the education explosion emerging on Selkirk Ave. We have been dubbed the "Baby/Kid College" and the children are our **LITTLE STARS**. Our **LITTLE STARS** and their caregivers are **LEARNING TOGETHER THROUGH PLAY**. Play is SO important to healthy child development, that it has been recognized by the United Nations as the right of every child. Through **PLAY** our children and their caregivers learn: to solve problems, to be creative, to have a healthy and organized attachment and to be with others in healthy relationships. Play strengthens family bonds and in doing so, teaches children to become nurturing parents themselves. But play is something often taken for granted. Not every child has the opportunity to explore play in a safe and stimulating environment. Not every child has parents/caregivers who can take the time or provide the resources that are available in more affluent homes and neighbourhoods.

The **PLAYhouse** will be a multi-use, safe, fun and dynamic facility with imaginative play areas, toys, books, a child friendly kitchen, music and resources to support the learning of children under 5 years of age and their caregivers. Income and transportation issues often limit our families' opportunities to explore outside of the North End. We will continue field trips to Fort Whyte Nature ALIVE, Bird's Hill Park, Manitoba Theatre for Young People, camp, local farms, etc. to broaden the horizons of our children and their caregivers. The **PLAYhouse** will be open after school hours for music programs and other artistic endeavours.

We embrace Judge Murray Sinclair's vision that Indigenous and non Indigenous need to work together towards reconciliation. The #1 call to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is child welfare. The **LITTLE STARS PLAYhouse** is part of the solution. We are about Prevention. We believe in Commissioner Ted Hughes' invitation (Phoenix Sinclair Inquiry) to become a community that views children as our shared responsibility.

Imagine our **LITTLE STARS** becoming the **BIG STARS** of North End Winnipeg. The **PLAYhouse** will be a place where "eyes light up" for our North End children, messes are OK, laughs get louder and **FAMILIES** get closer.

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