



THE RAINBOW CHORALE OF DELAWARE

with Joyful Noise

PRESENTS

WE RISE

SUNDAY JUNE 5, AT 4 PM

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
THE COVENANT

503 DUNCAN RD,
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ABOUT THE RAINBOW CHORALE OF DELAWARE

The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware is an inclusive, non-profit community chorus that provides LGBTQ+ individuals, with their friends and allies, the opportunity to perform high-quality choral music in an affirming environment that serves as a positive force for change. In addition, the Rainbow Chorale supports other institutions and individuals who serve that community.

Love of music is common to everyone. When we sing, we hope to impart the ideals, hopes, dreams, and aspirations of our community. Our goal is that with our listening audience we will strike a chord of commonality, and bridge the differences of our life experiences.

ABOUT JOYFUL NOISE DELAWARE

Joyful Noise Delaware (JN DE) was founded in 2009 by Rob Kennan as an offshoot of the original Joyful Noise Chorus in New Jersey (JN NJ). Conceived by Dr. Allison Fromm in honor of her sister Beth, a woman with disabilities who loves to sing, JN NJ began in 2000 and has been going strong ever since. JN DE has partnered with JN NJ and sung at a number of American Choral Director's Association conventions (including ones hosted in Chicago, Hartford, and Providence), at higher learning institutions like Harvard, Yale, Temple and Lehigh universities, for various sporting events like the 76ers and Phillies, at an invited audition for America's Got Talent, and more. With 26 songs commissioned and or written specifically for JN by composers from around the world, the groups continue to inspire audiences of a dozen to well over a thousand. More info can be found at <https://www.joyfulnoisechorus.org/>.



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GALA Choruses (pronounced GAY-la) is the leading association committed to serving the LGBT choral movement. Its mission is to empower members to change their world through song. GALA Choruses' signature event is its quadrennial festival (every 4 years), which brings together over 130 choruses and 6,000 singers from across the U.S. and the world



NOTES FROM THE PODIUM

CONTRIBUTED BY ANTHONY M. CONDOLUCI-SMITH

Welcome to We Rise, presented by Joyful Noise Delaware and The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware (RCD). This concert concludes our series on using our music as an outlet for good.

Following our Showcase, RCD is ready to let our voices soar - for justice, for equality, and for posterity. It is our sincere hope that the pieces in this afternoon's concert inspire, encourage, and amplify the voice of anyone who has ever felt less than.

Our set begins with Make Your Own Kind of Music! Our hope is that we can continue to make our own kind of music, even if nobody else sings along. There are too many people trying to tell everyone how to act, how to think, how to live, and how to treat their bodies. This opening statement is a reminder to us that it is OK to stand up and be proud of who we are.

As our set continues with powerful anthems, we conclude with No Day But Today from Rent and Jai Ho from Slumdog Millionaire. Translated as "Dance with Me," this uplifting piece encourages us to dance and sing through any troubles that may come our way!

It is my honor to welcome back to the piano Sarah Jane Gober. We also welcome Debra Bialecki on Percussion. We are thrilled to have these amazing musicians here presenting our concert with us this afternoon!

The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware would like to thank the staff of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant for their warm hospitality and for the generous rehearsal space.

Together with Joyful Noise Delaware, we invite you to sit back and enjoy this afternoon of music meant to inspire and encourage. We welcome your tax-free donation at the concert or on our website, which will allow us to continue to rise up and sing for years to come. Thank you for being here and please, enjoy the show!

WE RISE

Soloists are listed in order of appearance

JOYFUL NOISE

Feel Good..... L.C. Tyson and L. Scott
Arr. B. Baker and D.J.
Elliott

All the Stars in the Sky..... Written for Joyful Noise
by Alice Parker

Vive L'amour..... Traditional, adapted by
Nick Page

David Hutt, Elizabeth Nolan, Rob Edelsohn, and Kevin Timm, *Soloists*

We Shall Overcome..... C.A. Tindley
Virginia Gill, *Soloist*

Can Do..... Written for Joyful Noise
by E. Swennson
Adapted from Sweet
Sue by V. Young

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing..... R. Cook and R.
Greenaway

Do You Shine..... Nick Page
David Hutt, *Soloist*

There's Honey in the Rock..... African American
Spiritual
Arr. Nick Page

Be The Change..... A.M. Kaplan and C.Britt

THE RAINBOW CHORALE OF DELAWARE

Make Your Own Kind of Music..... Barry Mann and Cynthia
Weil
Arr. Eddy Clement

Roll Down, Justice!..... Mark A. Miller

I Can't Keep Quiet..... MILCK
Arr. Isaac Stone

Stand Up from *Harriet*.....Joshuah Campbell and
Synthia Echeumuna-
Erivo
Arr. Mac Huff

Margie Bello and Jay Simmons, *Soloists*

How Far I'll Go from *Moana*.....Lin-Manuel Miranda
Arr. Ed Jojeski

Found/Tonight from *Dear
Evan Hansen* and *Hamilton*.....Lin-Manuel Miranda,
Justin Paul, and Benj
Pasek
Arr. Jacob Narverud

Rise Up.....Cassandra Batie and
Jennifer Decilveo
Arr. Mac Huff

Melanie Dawn Smith and Camilo Matos, *Soloists*

No Day But Today from *Rent*.....Jonathan Larson
Arr. Mark Brymer

Jai Ho from *Slumdog Millionaire*.....B.R. Rahman
Arr. Ethan Sperry

Combined Encores: Do You Understand.....Written for Joyful Noise
by Rob Kennan

You Have a Heart.....Written for Joyful Noise
by Nick Page

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



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RCD Friends and Family -

We Rise!

As we came out of the dark we now rise - rise to the occasion, rise to the challenge, and rise up stronger, wiser, better and together!

Rise! Our community - whichever way any one of us views it - may feel the joy and triumph of having lasted through one of the most difficult times of our lives. We have lost, and continue to lose, those closest to us and our collective hearts go out to give each other the love and strength needed through any difficult time. Let's honor, appreciate and have gratitude for those things we miss most - love, companionship and connection.

Rise! Let us come together to be a beacon for those who need community. Let's show love and kindness and compassion for all as we rise like the phoenix from the ashes leaving behind the ways in which people hurt one another or themselves. The journey is a shared and a common one - none of us are the same yet our path and our community may have similarities we have yet to discover! Like the phoenix let us be filled with pride and love and be an example for others - both as individuals and as a community - where shame, and hate, and cruelty, and intolerance are left behind in the ashes. We are all connected and together we can shine brighter and love deeper and build each other up when so many others would see us fail.

Rise! Be the kindness and passion and love and warmth each of us, every community and the world needs now. The time is now and together, We Rise!

Warmly,
Gary Kirchhof

ANTHONY M. CONDOLUCI-SMITH

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware is delighted to have Anthony M. Condoluci-Smith (he/him/his) as Artistic Director. He graduated with honors from the California University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Dance and a minor in Business. There, he performed in and directed a number of vocal and instrumental ensembles and musical theatre performances. He also taught

American Sign Language interpreting to a youth choir at a local camp.

Mr. Condoluci-Smith obtained his Master of Business Administration with a major in Strategic Leadership from the University of Delaware and a Certificate of Human Resource Management from Villanova University. While at the University of Delaware, he studied Choral Literature and Choral Conducting with Dr. Paul D. Head. He has served as the Business Manager at The Music School of Delaware, the Director of Operations at AIDS Delaware, and is currently the Director of People and Culture at Scoir, a technology company in West Chester.

Since relocating to Delaware in 2009, he has performed in several local community ensembles. He served as Director of Music at Christ United Methodist Church (Roselle), the Upper Chesapeake Community Band, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark. He has also made guest appearances with the Joe Trainor Trio, Opus One Vocal Arts, Wellspring Ministries, and played Curtis in "Sister Act" at The Everett Theatre in Middletown.

Mr. Condoluci-Smith is an alumnus of The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware. As a singing member, he served on the Board of Directors as the Vice President, Secretary, and Co-Chair of the Artistic Committee. He was the Assistant Artistic Director for the 2016-2017 season, has presented choral workshops, was a soloist and member of PRISM, and has accompanied the Chorale on flute, oboe, and piano. He and his husband, Daniel, reside in Middletown with their Dachshund, Tucker, and Orange Tabby, Memphis.

ROB KENNAN

DIRECTOR OF JOYFUL NOISE DELAWARE



Rob Kennan, Director of Joyful Noise Delaware, is active as a director, pianist, organist, private instructor, singer, hornist, and composer/arranger in the northern Delaware area. He is the Director of Music and Organist at Newark United Methodist Church, and currently works with the University of Delaware, West Chester University, the Brandywine and Red Clay school districts, Delaware ChoralArts, and CoroAllegro. A founding member of former male a cappella quintet Qvinctus, he was previously Director of the Northern Delaware Oratorio Society. Earlier engagements include the Wilmington Children's Chorus, Opus One, and Wilmington Handbell Ensemble.

Rob has played horn locally with Newark Symphony, Wilmington Community Orchestra, Diamond State Concert Band, and Brandywine Pops Orchestra, previously playing with a number of professional organizations such as the Dallas Brass.

Rob holds his bachelor's degree from Shenandoah University and a master's from the University of North Texas. He has been a musician and educator in many states and a member of various boards, including the Music Educators National Conference, American Choral Directors Association, American Guild of Organists, Handbell Musicians of America, Joyful Noise, Wilmington Handbell Ensemble, and Valley Educational Center for Creative Arts.

JOYFUL NOISE MEMBERS

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Virginia Gill	Andrew Swanson
David Hutt	Kevin Timm
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SARAH JANE GOBER

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST



Sarah Jane Gober is a collaborative pianist from the greater Philadelphia area. With a Masters in Piano Accompanying / Opera Coaching from Temple University, Sarah is currently working with faculty and students at West Chester University, as well as teaching piano the Darlington Arts Center in Garnet Valley. She has also served as the choral director and accompanist at Calvary Baptist Church in Newark, DE since 2017. In her free time, Sarah also has a strong passion for cooking and running.

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The Presbyterian Church of the Covenant is a warm, affirming congregation that loves connecting with the local community. Our mission is focused on empathizing with and addressing our neighbors' immediate physical, spiritual, and emotional well being. PCOC also strives to address long term systematic issues affecting the health and happiness of our community and our neighbors near and far.

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