

*The Rainbow Choral of  
Delaware Presents*

# COMING OUT OF THE DARK SHOWCASE

MARCH 18, 2022  
AT 7:30 PM

*and*

MARCH 19, 2022  
AT 7:30 PM

AT THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
SOCIETY OF MILL CREEK  
579 POLLY DRUMMOND HILL RD, NEWARK, DE 19711



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## ABOUT THE RAINBOW CHORALE OF DELAWARE

The Rainbow Choral 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 Choral 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.

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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 Coming Out of the Dark, presented by The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware (RCD). It was exactly two years ago – we were preparing to present our showcase – when the world seemed to stop. We are grateful for the technology that kept us together.

We thank you for your understanding and for adhering to our safety protocols. We also want to thank the front-line workers in our community who work tirelessly to keep us all safe!

Maya Angelou said, "Shine on. Let nothing dim the light that shines from within." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." We took our inspiration from these two quotes.

The LGBTQ+ community has been forced to stay in the darkness for far too long. We are here and we are proud of the impact we make on the world. The members you will see tonight are strong. We are survivors, lovers, advocates, givers, and supporters. Tonight, we will present music to encourage and uplift. We are boldly stepping out of the darkness and into the light!

Please help me welcome back to the piano Sarah Jane Gober. We also welcome Debra Bialecki on Percussion and Dave Fisher on Bass. We are thrilled to have these amazing musicians here presenting our concert with us!

The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware would like to thank the staff at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant for their warm hospitality in rehearsal space and the staff at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek for hosting us this evening!

# COMING OUT OF THE DARK

**Coming Out of the Dark**.....Gloria Estefan,  
Emilio Estefan &  
Jon Secada  
Arr. Dave Volpe

**Something's Coming** from *West Side Story*.....Leonard Bernstein &  
Stephen Sondheim  
Mary Reppy, *Soloist*

**Rainbow**.....Natalie Hemby, Shane  
McAnally & Kacey  
Musgraves  
Juliana Forbes, Donni Louise, Debbie McCall,  
Amelia Sandler & Carrie Sandler

**Flashlight** from *Pitch Perfect* .....Sia Furler, Christian  
Guzman, Sam Smith,  
Mario Mejia & Jason  
Moore  
Arr. Mac Huff  
Melisa Funer & Jay Simmons, *Soloists*

**All I Ask of You** from *The Phantom of the Opera*.....Andrew Lloyd  
Webber, Charles  
Hart & Richard  
Stilgoe  
Camilo Matos & Melanie Dawn Smith

**You'll Be In My Heart** from *Tarzan*.....Phil Collins  
Galen Keliikuli, Scot Stetka & Thomas Shaw-Gardner

**Let It Be Me**.....Emily Saliers  
Julie Hilfiger, Donni Louise, Debbie McCall, Carrena R.  
Morgan, Mary Reppy & Barbara Williams

**Here Comes the Sun**.....George Harrison  
Arr. Alan Billingsley

**Everybody Rejoice** from *The Wiz*.....Luther Vandross  
Arr. Andy Beck

**Still Dream**.....Alexandre Desplat  
& David Lindsay-  
Abaire

Camilo Matos, *Soloist*

**Defying Gravity** from *Wicked*.....Stephen Schwartz  
Julie Hilfiker, *Soloist*

**Siyahamba/Shosholozo**.....Traditional  
Arr. Sally K.  
Albrecht & Albert  
Pinsonneault

Carrena R. Morgan, Mary Reppy, Scot Stetka & Barbara  
Williams, *Ensemble*

*We are marching in the light of the world.*

*Moving fast and strong through those mountains.*

*You are leaving on the train to South Africa.*

**From Now On** from *The Greatest Showman*.....Benj Pasek & Justin Paul  
Arr. Roger Emerson

Margie Bello, Jessie Cocks, Melisa Funer, Galen Keliikuli, Camilo  
Matos, Debbie McCall, Mary Reppy, Jay Simmons, Melanie Dawn  
Smith & Kym Thompson

**When You Believe** from *The Prince of Egypt*.....Kenneth "Babyface"  
Edmonds &  
Stephen Schwartz

Julie Hilfiker, Galen Keliikuli & Stosh Pehowic

**Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In** from *Hair*.....Galt MacDermot,  
James Rado &  
Gerome Ragni

# GARY KIRCHHOF

PRESIDENT



RCD Friends and Family -

**We are Coming Out of the Dark!**

Just over two years to the day our world was forever changed by a pandemic the likes of which had not been seen in a century. We remember those we lost, those who were impacted and recognize those who led the fight as the world shifted, adapted to change, and began to realize just how much we had - and how quickly it all could change.

Just as we start to see the light at the end of the tunnel and the beginnings of a return to a sense of normalcy, we reflect on the changes - both internally and externally - we have experienced through a journey we each traveled in our own unique way, whether seemingly isolated or surrounded by our loved ones. The only way out is through and now we can honor, appreciate and have gratitude for those things we missed most - love, companionship and connection.

The journey from darkness to light, not unlike the process of changing from caterpillar to butterfly, is one each of us has experienced. There's a time considered "before" and "after" such journeys and through our showcase we are pleased and honored to share with you, our loved ones, our tribute to "Coming Out of the Dark!" Let the sun shine in!

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 Vice President of Finance and People at STRATIS IoT, a technology company in Philadelphia. He also serves as the Treasurer and Executive Committee Officer for the Board of Directors of Transformation Theatre in the Washington, DC area.

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.

## **SARAH JANE GOBER**

### **COLLABORATIVE PIANIST**



cooking and running.

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**OPEN CALL: MARCH 21 & 28, 2022 AT 6:00 PM**

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**SPRINGO: MAY 1, 2022**

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**BLUE ROCKS NATIONAL ANTHEM: MAY 7, 2022**

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**DELAWARE PRIDE: JUNE 4, 2022**

Stay tuned for more information!

**WE RISE: JUNE 5, 2022 AT 4:00 PM**

This June the Rainbow Chorale, with Joyful Noise, presents "We Rise." This free concert is the culmination of our 2021/2022 season's concerts of renewal and celebration.

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Melisa Funer  
Donni Louise  
Debbie McCall  
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Paula Timpanaro-Muller  
Charla M. Phoenix  
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## **SOPRANO**

Jessie Cocks  
Julie Hilfiker  
Mary Reppy  
Amelia Sandler  
Carrie Sandler  
Anne Sewell  
Melanie Dawn Smith  
Barbara Williams

## **GUESTS**

Debra Bialecki, Percussion  
Dave Fisher, Bass

## **BASS**

Bob Lillich  
Jim Scroggs  
Jamie Williams

## **BARITONE**

Galen Keliikuli  
Camilo Matos  
Davis Rodriguez Melendez

## **TENOR**

Richard Allen Perry  
Thomas E. Shaw-Gardner  
Jay Simmons  
Scot Stetka  
Bob Twaddell  
Stosh Pehowic

## **FIFTH SECTION**

Riva Brown  
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