

*The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware Presents*

# AGES & STAGES SHOWCASE



**Saturday April 1 2023 • 7:30pm**

Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek  
579 Polly Drummond Hill Rd • Newark DE



*Stuck?  
Frustrated?  
Searching for clarity?  
Over it with everyone else's "right" way?  
Ready to find your unique path forward?*

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Anne E. Shuman is a transformational practitioner who brings 20+ years of experience in the human potential and personal development fields as a coach and hypnotist to support her clients in creating the life they want. Intuitive wisdom and spacious process blend with practical strategy and effective action to neutralize obstacles, achieve goals, and cultivate bold growth. She loves diving deep with everyone she serves and has a particular affinity for working with ADHD/neurodiverse and LGBTQ+ individuals like herself-- or anyone who has found that the "right" way isn't actually right for them.



## CHARLA M. PHOENIX PRESIDENT

RCD Friends and Family!

Welcome to Showcase 2023! We continue our 2022-23 season with a Cabaret-style show titled "Ages and Stages". This show highlights a unique time in our LGBTQIA + allies history when people of all ages and stages are living as out and proud individuals. The show features full choir numbers, small group, and solo acts that represent the different ages and stages within our own group.



We are excited to be under the baton of Artistic Director, Mr. Douglas Bender. We are also thrilled to welcome back to the piano, our talented Collaborative Pianist, Ms. Sarah Gober. Doug, Sarah, the artistic and production committees, along with the entire choir, have worked very hard to put together a spectacular show for your entertainment and enjoyment.

The RCD Board of Directors also continues to work tirelessly on guiding the organization in its mission to elicit change in our communities through music. We strive to bond through our similarities and to celebrate the things that make our communities diverse and unique.

We are always looking for people to bring their talents and strengths to our board of directors. If you are interested in joining our board of directors, or in being a member of our "5<sup>th</sup> section", please don't hesitate to ask a board or choir member for more information.

We are very excited about our upcoming Showcase and offer you our sincere thanks for your continued support.

Relax, and enjoy the show!

Charla M. Phoenix

## ARTISTIC STAFF



### Artistic Director

Douglas P. Bender

The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware is delighted to have Douglas P. Bender join us as Artistic Director this season. Douglas Bender was born and raised in northern New Jersey and recently moved to the area with his wife. He is a NJ public school

music educator and has taught music and conducted scholastic choirs for the past 13 years. Douglas earned a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University and a Master's degree in vocal performance from Montclair State University. He has performed as a chorister and tenor soloist in various ensembles throughout northern NJ and New York. He is honored to be trusted with conducting the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware.



### Collaborative Pianist

Sarah Jane Gober

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 at 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.

## DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to the "Ages & Stages" Showcase presented by the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware. For so many instances in our lives, our memories and experiences are framed with music. I can reflect on past chapters in my life and associate a musical memory with so many. I can remember the piece of music that sent me towards a life of choral music (Samuel Barber's *Agnus Dei*) and I will never be able to hear Beyoncé and not think of my wedding day. Tonight's performance allows us to share some of these musical memories with you as an audience.

This ensemble has a broad range of ages, from those born before microwave ovens were invented up until those who were born after 9/11. Because of this broad spectrum of ages, this ensemble experiences so many stages at the same time - from college finals to weddings to retirements. However, this ensemble shares moments like tonight; gathering for performances and telling these stories. We are privileged to be on this musical journey with one another.

Tonight's concert features some light hearted tales and some intimate and sensitive experiences. Some performances may be contextualized, while others will leave you to your imagination. However, all are part of our various "Ages & Stages". Full ensemble pieces like *Listen*, *Freedom 90* and *You Will Be Found* offer messages of reassurance and self confidence. *Turn! Turn! Turn!*, a classic and timeless song, gives us perspective on the ever changing nature of life. *What Matters*, inspired by the life and loss of Matthew Shepard, is perhaps the most moving piece offered this evening. It reminds us that love is love is love. Our concert concludes with a directive for the future, *Don't Stop Me Now* because we are having such a good time.

I would like to thank Sarah Jane Gober, our collaborative pianist, for her incredible work and support. This concert has her doing a lot of extra rehearsing and it wouldn't be possible if she weren't so flexible and talented! I also thank Debra Bialecki on percussion and Dave Fisher on bass for joining us this evening. I would also like to recognize the RCD board and various committees for putting in so much work to make this concert possible. As always, RCD thanks you for your support! We hope you enjoy!

In song,

Douglas P. Bender

# The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware

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Mary & Mikey Reppy

Charla Phoenix

Luisa Torrielli

### STERLING (\$25-\$99)

Amy Banks (in honor of Charla Phoenix)

Cyndi Brooks & Debbie McCall (in memory of all deceased Altos)

Herb Bendler

David Cao

Patrick Carroll & Steve Powers (in memory of Tony Gruszcynski)

David Christopher

### STERLING CONTINUED

Jessie Cocks (in honor of all our deceased members)

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The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware has received a bequest from the estate of Barbara Gittings, the noted LGBT activist, for which we are very honored and grateful.

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To donate to the Rainbow Chorale, please go to:

<https://therainbowchorale.org/rcd-donate>

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## MONDAY • MAY 8 • 7:30PM

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*Flight Song*  
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*and more!*

**Director: Rocky Tejada**  
**Pianist: Nick Ronaghan**



## AGES & STAGES SHOWCASE

I

### Listen

Rainbow Chorale

Henry Krieger, Anne Preven,  
Scott Cutler, Beyonce Knowles  
Arr. Mark Brymer

### I Remember It Well

D. Conner, John Killingsworth

Alan Jay Lerner & Frederick  
Loewe

### You Matter To Me

Galen Keliikuli, Maggie Kettlewood,  
Camilo Matos, Rivkah Pehowic, Stosh  
Pehowic, Charla Phoenix, Amelia Sandler,  
Jay Simmons

Sara Bareilles  
Arr. Julie Hilfiker

### Take It From An Old Man

Bob Lillich

Sara Bareilles  
Arr. Tim Sarsany

### Turn! Turn! Turn!

Rainbow Chorale  
Mike Hovendick, Debbie McCall (solos)

Pete Seeger.  
Arr. Roger Emerson

### Everyone Is Gay

Tenors & Basses

Ian Axel & Chad Vaccaro  
Arr. Jerome Kurtenback

### This Place Is Mine

Julie Hilfiker

Maury Yeston

### Freedom 90

Rainbow Chorale  
D. Conner, Camilo Matos, Noah Pehowic,  
Barbara Williams, Jamie Williams (solos)

George Michael.  
Arr. Margaret Grottenthaler

## INTERMISSION

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### Show Production

Karrienne Funer:	Lights	Mikey Reppy:	Stage Manager
Diane Hofer:	Live-Stream	Vicki Tosh-Morelli:	Live-Stream

## AGES & STAGES SHOWCASE

II

### What Matters

Rainbow Chorale

Randi Driscoll.  
Arr. Kevin Robinson

### Changing

Juliana Forbes, Grace Urban

Kay Gardner

### Where Or When

Melanie Dawn Smith

Richard Rogers & Lorenz Hart

### Wannabe

D. Conner, Noah Pehowic, Stosh  
Pehowic, Mary Reppy, Jay Simmons,  
Melanie Dawn Smith, Barbara  
Williams, Jamie Williams

Geri Halliwell, Emma Bunton,  
Melanie Brown, Victoria Adams,  
Melanie Chisholm, Matthew  
Rowebottom, Richard Stannard  
Arr. Nathan Howe

### You Will Be Found

Rainbow Chorale  
D. Conner, Rivkah Pehowic, Stosh  
Pehowic (solos)

Benj Pasek & Justin Paul  
Arr. Mac Huff

### Fall On Me

Galen Keliikuli, Stosh Pehowic

Ian Axel, Chad Vaccarino,  
Fortunato Zampaglione, Matteo  
Bocelli

### Nine To Five

Sopranos & Altos

Dolly Parton  
Arr. Ed Lojeski

### The Times They Are A-Changin'

JaGaJuJu: Juliana Forbes, Julie  
Hilfiker, Galen Keliikuli, Jay Simmons

Bob Dylan  
Arr. Adam Podd

### Don't Stop Me Now

Rainbow Chorale

Freddie Mercury  
Arr. Mark Brymer

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### Guest Artists

Debra Bialecki:	percussion	Grace Urban:	voice
Dave Fisher:	bass		



## Celebrating 80 Years!

1942-2022

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant  
503 Duncan Road  
Wilmington, DE 19809

[www.covenantde.org](http://www.covenantde.org) | 302.764.9008

### Holy Week at Covenant

April 2nd - Palm Sunday - 10am

*"Hosanna to the Son of David!"*

Christ's Triumphant entry into Jerusalem

Guest Soloist, Lynne Claire Morse

April 6th - Maundy Thursday - 7pm

*"Where Charity and Love Abide, God is also there."*

We commemorate the Institution of the Lord's Supper

Joint Worship with St. Mark's Lutheran at Church of the Covenant

April 7th - Good Friday ~ Service of Tenebrae - 7pm

*"Darkness fell over the earth, when they crucified Jesus."*

We come together to remember the powerful story of Christ's Passion  
and death through music, hymns, and scripture.

Held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church (501 Duncan Road)

April 9th - Easter Sunday - 10am

*"Welcome, Happy Morning! Age to Age Shall Say."*

Festive Worship with Holy Communion

Special Music for Organ, Trumpet and Timpani

We run to the tomb, just like Mary and the women, and celebrate Jesus'  
Resurrection from the dead!



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## Rainbow Chorale Board

### Board Directors & Officers

Charla M. Phoenix	President
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### Board Advisors

Douglas P. Bender	Artistic Director
Mary Reppy	M&P Chair, Co-Treasurer
Mikey Reppy	Production Chair

### Key Volunteers

Karrienne Funer	Rehearsal Live-Stream
Julie Hilfiker & Robert Twaddell	Member Liaisons
Mary Reppy	Webmaster
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Jay Simmons	Librarian

## 2022/2023 Season

Open Call, Fall Trimester	9/12 & 9/19/22
Halloween Bingo with AIDS Delaware	10/23/22
Halloween Spooktacular, PCOC	10/29/22
Festival of Trees, Delaware Hospice	11/19/22
Pre-show Caroling, Plaid Tidings, DTC	12/15, 12/7 & 12/18/22
Everything Old Is New Again Concert	1/6/23
Open Call, Winter Trimester	1/9 & 1/16/23
Ages & Stages Showcase	4/1/23
Open Call, Spring Trimester	4/3 & 4/10/23
UUSMC Service	4/30/23
Delaware Pride Festival	6/10/23
Curtain Up! Concert	6/21/23
National Anthem, Blue Rocks	6/24/23

## Rainbow Chorale Members

### Altos

Juliana Forbes  
Maggie Kettlewood  
Shizhao Lu  
Debbie McCall\*  
Rivkah Pehowic  
Charla M. Phoenix

### Sopranos

Jessie Cocks  
D. Conner  
Julie Hilfiker\*  
Mary Reppy  
Melanie Dawn Smith  
Barbara Williams

### 5th Section

Barb Bedrosian  
Margie Bello  
Melisa Funer  
Nova  
Donni Louise  
Nancy Osterbauer  
Mikey Reppy

### Basses

Galen Keliikuli  
Bob Lillich  
Camilo Matos\*  
Jim Scroggs  
Jamie Williams

### Tenors

Mike Hovendick  
John Killingsworth  
Noah Pehowic  
Stosh Pehowic  
Thomas E. Shaw-Gardner  
Jay Simmons  
Scot Steka\*

\*Section Leader

Amelia Sandler  
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## Love to Sing?

Join us for our Spring trimester! RCD is a non-audition chorus with a friendly joining process. We will be accepting new members April 3 & 10!

PCOC, 503 Duncan Rd,  
Wilmington, 6-7pm



Visit <https://therainbowchorale.org/rcd-joining>



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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## ABOUT THE RAINBOW CHORALE

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

To learn more about the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware, visit

**<https://therainbowchorale.org>**

RCD is happy to perform short sets at other organizations events, schedule permitting. To request RCD to sing, visit

**<https://therainbowchorale.org/rcd-outreach-form>**

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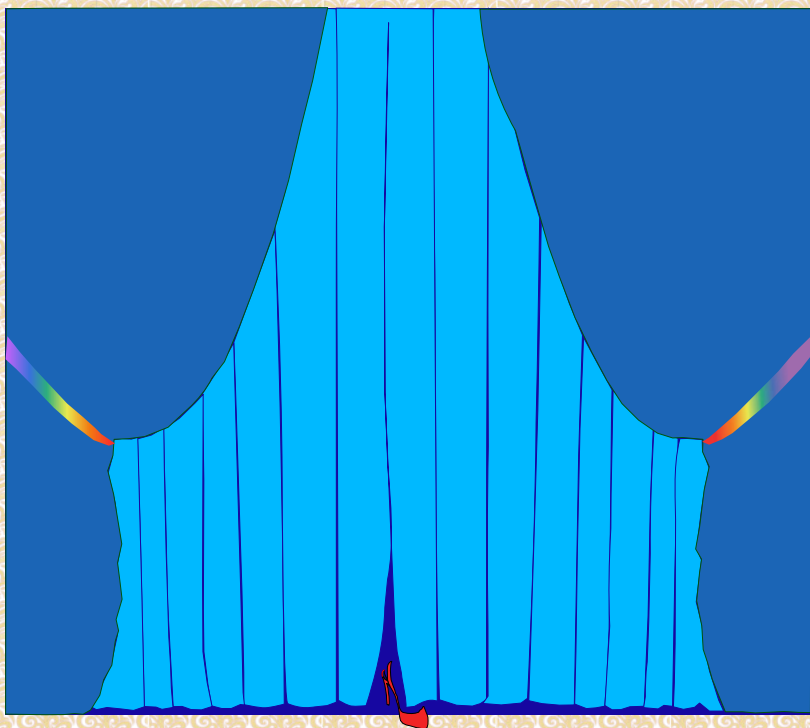
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