



The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware Presents



Peace & Joy

Saturday • December 2 2023
7:00pm

Skyline United Methodist Church
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CHARLA M. PHOENIX PRESIDENT

RCD Friends and Family!

I would like to welcome you to the 2023-2024 season of The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware.

I would like to take this time to welcome our new Artistic Director, Mr. Jon Timmons. We are so excited to have Jon, and the expertise he brings to the group.

We are also thrilled to welcome our new Collaborative Pianist, Mr. Kevin Mucchetti. Jon, Kevin, and the entire artistic committee have worked very hard to put together a lovely holiday program, as well as an exciting season of quality music for your entertainment and enjoyment.

The RCD Board of Directors has worked tirelessly to guide the organization on its mission to elicit change in our communities through music. We strive to come together through our similarities, and we continue to celebrate the things that make our communities diverse and unique.

If you are interested in joining our board of directors or interested in being a member of our "5th section", please don't hesitate to ask a board, or choir, member for more information. We gladly welcome your skills, ideas and talents to enhance our organization.

We are very excited about our upcoming season and look forward to seeing your smiling faces in the audience.

Relax and enjoy!

Charla M. Phoenix- President



DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Good evening,

Welcome to the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware's first concert of the 2023-2024 season. We are so thrilled and honored you're here with us tonight!

As the new Artistic Director for the RCD, it has been a privilege (and so much fun!) preparing for tonight's concert. What I can tell you from my short time in this role is that the singers in this ensemble have so much heart, talent, kindness, and passion - not only for music but for each other and their community.

This music you'll hear tonight is a perfect blend of new, old, fun, emotion, and joy. We dubbed our concert, "Peace and Joy". While it may sound broad, I think it really encompasses what the RCD hopes to spread during this time of year.

We all know the world is in great tumult and distress. Between conflicts in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia in addition to the challenges we face domestically, it can and has been incredibly difficult to find peace anywhere. That's where music steps in - we hope to be part of some emotional healing tonight with the songs we perform for you.

Let's be honest - the Holiday season is not always very easy or joyful for many people. Many are missing loved ones, find themselves lonely, are facing financial hardship; the list goes on. What we hope to bring you tonight is a chance to breathe, laugh, emote, and feel. That's the power of music. The power to escape, process, and express.

Tonight's program includes wonderful works by Ola Gjeilo, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Randall Thompson, Sara Bareilles & Ingrid Michaelson, and Cat Stevens. Additionally, you'll hear some great Holiday arrangements by Kirby Shaw, Roger Emerson, Mac Huff, Stephen Coker, and Jim Papoulis. Of special note, we will be presenting a moving Ukrainian piece composed by Stepan Charnetsky - adapted and arranged by Paul Kenwood Cappers. As you can see, we've packed a lot of great music into one night!

Please sit back, relax, and enjoy tonight's performance. We are honored to have you here and hope to see you again in the spring for our Showcase and June concerts! Mark your calendars now!

In music and love,

Jon M. Timmons

ARTISTIC STAFF

Artistic Director

Jon Matthew Timmons



The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware is excited to have **Jon M. Timmons** join us as Artistic Director this season. Jon is the Director of Choral Activities at Souderton Area High School. At SAHS, Jon conducts six choirs and teaches music theory. Jon is an active advocate and clinician for LGBTQ singers in addition to specializing in vocal

pedagogy for choirs. For 16 years, Jon has performed and taught in the Philadelphia metro area including appointments at Brandywine Heights Area High School and Hatboro-Horsham High School. Prior to public school teaching, Jon taught voice and choir through Music Training Center in New Jersey, maintaining a voice studio of over 40 students.

For three seasons, Jon sang with the Philadelphia Singers – former resident choir for the Philadelphia Orchestra. During that time, he sang under accomplished conductors Charles Dutoit, David Hayes, and Jane Glover. He has maintained an active professional singing career as the baritone section leader in the Lansdale, PA based choir, 'The Choristers'. He has been a featured soloist in Faure's Requiem, Handel's Messiah, Herbert Howells Requiem, Leonard Bernstein's Candide, and Mozart's Requiem. His singing has taken him around the world to destinations including Beijing China, Salt Lake City Utah, and The Kimmel Center in Philadelphia.

Jon's choirs have performed at numerous festivals in the region and are praised for their balance, blend, and tone. He has presented at numerous Pennsylvania conferences; most recently at the PMEA State Conference in 2023 and the ACDA-PA Summer Conference. In 2020, his select choir was chosen to perform at the PMEA Annual Conference – unfortunately canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Additionally, Jon has led many seminars at several professional development events advocating for LGBTQ youth and faculty.

Jon holds a Master's degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Delaware in addition to degrees and certification from Temple University and York College of Pennsylvania. An avid runner, Jon enjoys time with friends and family outside of teaching and singing. He resides just outside of Philadelphia with his two cats, Ollie and George.

ARTISTIC STAFF CONTINUED

Collaborative Pianist Kevin Mucchetti



The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware is excited to have **Kevin Mucchetti** join us as Collaborative Pianist this season.

Kevin is a Philadelphia-based pianist, music director, and composer. Currently serving as

Director of Music at Church of the Holy Child in Wilmington, Kevin directs the adult choir and acts as the church's organist.

For nearly fifteen years, Kevin has contributed his musicianship to a wide array of artistic endeavors. This includes providing piano accompaniment for the Philadelphia Ballet, music direction for the independent musical improv troupe Thank You, Places. Kevin has been music director in productions at Bryn Mawr College and Upper Darby Summer Stage as well as conducting and performing in pit orchestras at Padua Academy. Additionally, he currently serves as Resident Music Director/Composer with Berserker Theatre, based in Connecticut. As a composer, Kevin has worked on various original musicals, including "Margot and Mr. Snooze" with playwright Ann Marley, featured in the Philadelphia Women's Theatre Festival and the Cohen New Works Festival as well as "Dorian Gray: The Musical" with playwright/composer Christopher Dayett, showcased at the 2017 New York Musical Festival. He is currently working in collaboration with playwright/composer Patrick McAndrew on a new musical entitled "The Startup."

Kevin holds a degree in music from the University of Pennsylvania. In his free time, he is a cinephile and a voracious consumer of trivia.

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He Watching Over Israel (F. Mendelssohn)

The Last Words of David (R. Thompson)

Lamentations of Jeremiah (Z. R. Stroope)

Glow (E. Whitacre)

The First Noel (D. Forrest)

Mass in G (F. Schubert)

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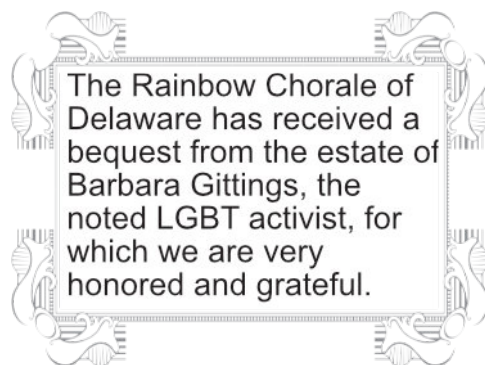
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deceased members)
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my wife Melanie)
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United Way: If your workplace has a United Way campaign you can choose The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware as your recipient - use code **9549**.

The Rainbow Chorale is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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Peace & Joy Program

Solstice Carol

Kim Baryluk
Arr. Scott Reimer

Peace Train

Jessie Cocks, Stosh Pehowic

Cat Stevens
Arr. Kirby Shaw

Northern Lights (*Prism*)

Ola Gjeilo

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Tenors & Basses

Randall Thompson

Yodel Carol

Traditional Austrian Carol
Arr. Stephen Coker

Eneza Upendo

Peter Tinaglia (hand drum)

Jim Papoulis

INTERMISSION

Visit our Silent Auction!

Wassail Song

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Cool Yule

Sopranos & Altos

Steve Allen
Arr. Kirby Shaw

Oi u luzi chervona kalyna

Anne Shuman, D Conner

Stepan Charnetsky
Arr. Paul Kenwood Cappers

Winter Song

D Conner, Skye Safholm, Sarah Dollard

Sara Bareilles & Ingrid Michaelson
Arr. Mac Huff

Fum, Fum, Fum (*Prism*)

Traditional Spanish Carol
Arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

Holiday Road

Lindsey Buckingham
Arr. Roger Emerson

Reception in Lobby

Translations

Eneza Upendo

Eneza upendo uendako
Moyo wako unajua ukweli
Maelewano
Kukubalika
Kusaidiana
Muziki ni upendo
Kucheza ni upendo
Umoja ni upendo

Spread Love

Spread love everywhere you go
Your heart knows the truth
Harmony
Acceptance
Helping each other
Music is love
Dancing is love
Unity is love

Oi u luzi chervona kalyna

Oi u luzi kalyna pokhylylasya

In the Meadow the Red Kalyna

Oh, in the meadow a red kalyna
has bent low

Chogos' nasha slavna
Ukraiina zazhurylasya.

For some reason our glorious
Ukraine is in sorrow

A my tuiu chervonu kalynu
pidiymemo,

And we'll take that red kalyna and
we'll lift it up

A my nashu Ukrainu, hei-hei,
rozveselymo!

And hey-hey, we shall cheer up our
glorious Ukraine!

The Rainbow Chorale thanks Olena Feleshchuk Smith for Ukrainian pronunciation assistance!

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Guest Artists

Debra Bialecki: Percussion
Amanda Steka: Violin

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Dave Fisher: Bass

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Show Production

Mary Reppy: Stage Manager • Mikey Reppy: A/V Lead
Tom Good: Sound • Emily Ilyas: Visuals • Scot Steka: Slides

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8:30 PM**



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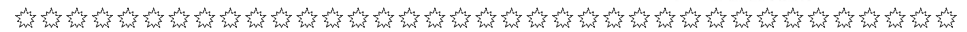
ABOUT THE RAINBOW CHORALE

The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware (RCD) is an inclusive, non-profit, non-audition 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>



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GALA FESTIVAL 2024

Once again, the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware will be representing the First State at the Gay And Lesbian Association (GALA) Chorus Festival. The 2024 Festival will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota in July. There are 112 choruses, and thousands of singers from around the world that will be making incredible music in world class venues for four glorious days. RCD attended our first GALA Festival in 2002 in Cincinnati, OH, and has been a regular on the festival stage ever since. Our members have always been moved and motivated by the camaraderie, excitement, and encouragement that come with the GALA experience.

You can help us get to GALA Festival 2024 by donating at

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and specifying the GALA fund. We want to bring everyone!

Joy!



In Wilmington Friends School's statement of philosophy and beliefs, one of the purposes of education is defined as to "help students to develop self-discipline, resilience, and motivation to sustain their joy as lifelong learners." We offer an environment of confidence with humility, where good humor can lend greater dignity to work. Visit us to learn more!



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LOVE TO SING?

We have two trimesters left in our 2023/2024 season and we'd love to have you join us! Joining the Rainbow Chorale is a **low-stress** process! We are a NO AUDITION chorus and we accept singers at all levels of experience.

Our Open Call dates for the 2024 winter and spring trimesters are:

- **Monday January 8, 6-7pm (Winter)**
- **Monday January 15, 6-7pm (Winter)**
- **Monday March 25, 6-7pm (Spring)**
- **Monday April 1, 6-7pm (Spring)**

Learn more about joining the chorale at

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

LOVE TO LISTEN?

We greatly appreciate you, our lovely audience, and hope to see you again at another show! Please note these dates for the rest of our season:

- **Power of Pride Showcase, Saturday 3/23/24, 7:30pm**
- **Shining our Light, Saturday 6/1/24, 7:00pm**

You can always find out what we are up to on our website:

<https://therainbowchorale.org/>

and we have a YouTube channel with videos of past performances!

YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE!

Please take our on-line audience survey tonight by scanning this QR code or by going to

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We have mobile devices you can use if you don't have one handy - just ask an usher for help.



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Karrienne Funer	Rehearsal Live-Stream
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Thomas Shaw-Gardner	Rehearsal Door
Jay Simmons	Librarian

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The Rainbow Chorale says

THANK YOU!

to all the volunteers who have helped us this season. Your support means the world to us! Ushers, will-call, ticket sales, receptions, rehearsal support, outreach events - we couldn't do it without you!!

We'd like to give a special call-out to Karrienne Funer for running our rehearsal live-stream.

Rainbow Chorale Members

Altos

Yanaka Bernal
Sarah Dollard
Jude Ferraro
Juliana Forbes
Lisa Jackson-Bullock*
Shizhao Lu
Leka MaKenzie
Debbie McCall†
Carrena R. Morgan
Nancy Osterbauer
Beth Pearson
Skylar Safholm*
Kym Thompson*

Basses

Jacob Dums
Edward Godden
Galen Keliikuli*
Bob Lillich
Noah Pehowic
Jim Scroggs*
Bill Shaw-Gardner
Jamie Williams*

Tenors

Martha Eldreth
Stosh Pehowic*
Thomas E. Shaw-Gardner
Scot Stetka*†
Peter Tinaglia*
Robert Twaddell

Sopranos

Barbara Bedrosian
Jessie Cocks
D Conner
Julie Hilfiker*†
Anne Sewell
Anne Shuman*
Melanie Dawn Smith*
Barbara Williams

5th Section


Margie Bello
Joshua Blauvelt
Melisa Funer
Camilo Matos
Charla M. Phoenix
Mary Reppy
Mikey Reppy
Jay Simmons

*Prism †Section Leader

RCD would like to give a special thank you to Scot Stetka for taking on being section leader for both the tenor and bass sections and stepping in to conduct outreach events!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware would like to give special thanks to the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant and to Skyline United Methodist Church.

 The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware is supported in part by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment of the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on www.delawarescene.com

2023/2024 Season

Open Call, Fall Trimester	9/11 & 9/18/23
Hanover Presbyterian Service	10/8/23
Halloween Bingo with AIDS Delaware	10/22/23
Halloween Spooktacular, PCOC	10/29/23
Festival of Trees, Delaware Hospice	11/19/23
Holiday Sneak Peek, Church on Main	11/26/23
Peace & Joy Concert	12/2/23

Open Call, Winter Trimester	1/8 & 1/15/24
Power of Pride Showcase	3/23/24
Open Call, Spring Trimester	3/25 & 4/1/24
Shining Our Light Concert	6/1/24
GALA 2024 Festival	7/10 - 7/14/24

RCD Outreach Program

The Rainbow Chorale is dedicated to performing in the community in addition to our regular concerts as part of our mission. We are happy to present short sets at other organizations events, schedule permitting. Over the years we have sung at ball games, church services, fundraisers, tributes, weddings, funerals, festivals, and many other occasions.

To request RCD to sing at an event, please visit:

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GALA 2024 FESTIVAL

July 10 - 14 2024

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Prism: July 10, 9:15pm, MCC Ballroom

RCD: July 11, 5:00pm, Central Lutheran