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SHOWCASE

March 23, 2024

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MELANIE DAWN SMITH PRESIDENT

Good evening, friends and family,

Welcome to Power of Pride, the second concert of the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware's 2023-2024 season!

It's an exciting time for the RCD! First, at the beginning of this season, we welcomed Jon Timmons as our Artistic Director and Kevin Mucchetti as our Collaborative Pianist. This dynamic duo has energized our group and helped us strive for new levels of musical excellence. Secondly, this coming July, we will travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to participate in GALA's quadrennial Choir Festival. GALA Choruses is an organization of nearly 200 choruses that leads the North American (and beyond) LGBTQ+ choral movement. The RCD is proudly a GALA Chorus. This event is estimated to attract more than 15,000 singers. So, look out Minneapolis! Lastly, toward the end of 2024, we will celebrate our 25th anniversary. There will be more details to come on this momentous celebration!

So, what does the Power of Pride mean to you?

As a community of LGBTQ+ folks, we have shared hardships. I would guess almost everyone collected tonight to watch this show has experienced obstacles and challenges to the validity of their love and their identities. We have all struggled to find ways to exist as our whole selves and to take up the space we deserve in the world around us. To me, this is why we have Pride. Tonight, we are not silently hiding but standing united in song with Pride in our eyes and dignity in our hearts. We joyfully celebrate what makes our community strong and resilient.

Jon and our Artistic Committee, along with soloists, small group acts, and the Production Team, have crafted an exciting show for you tonight. So, grab a tidbit to eat and a refreshing beverage from the bar. Then sit back and enjoy the Power of Pride!

With a full heart,

Melanie Dawn Smith

President

The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware



DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware's annual "Showcase" concert! We are delighted to have you here with us this evening.

This has been such a memorable and exciting show to put together. I have been blown away by the talent and passion of this group. From full Chorale selections, small group numbers, and solos, the night is sure to be filled with something for everyone.

Tonight is all about the 'Power of Pride'. We all know Pride can look (and feel) like many things. Sometimes it's boisterous and loud - at other times it's more quiet and steady. It can be filled with great joy and also carry painful weight. With the selections you'll hear tonight, we hope to take you on a Pride journey. Be prepared to laugh, sing along, and perhaps even shed a tear.

As queer people along with our allies, our lives are filled with powerful stories. One of my favorite authors and researchers, Brené Brown, has said, "everyone has a story that will bring you to your knees." How right she is. As we sing for you tonight, we hope to not only share our stories with you through music, but for YOU to see yourself reflected in the music.

Enjoy refreshments from the lobby and please drink responsibly - we will have some performers out in the audience and we greatly appreciate your respect and consideration.

Don't forget to take part in the raffle and silent auction during intermission and remember to mark your calendars for our Spring Concert, 'Shining Our Light: Songs of Strength, Hope, and Justice'. This will be on Sunday, June 2nd at 4pm, at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Wilmington.

Sit back, relax, and enjoy tonight's performance. We are honored to have you here and hope to see you again in the spring!

In music and love,

Jon M. Timmons
Artistic Director
The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware

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 15 years, Kevin has contributed his musicianship to a wide array of artistic endeavors. This includes providing piano accompaniment for the Philadelphia Ballet and 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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Power of Pride Program

You Need to Calm Down

*D Connor, El Clauss, Sarah Dollard,
Don Lamp, Noah Pehowic, Anne Shuman,
Barbara Williams, Jamie Williams*

Taylor Swift & Joel Little

Arr. David Maddux

If You Were Gay

Jay Simmons & Scot Stetka

Robert Lopez & Jeff Marx

Unruly Heart (Rainbow Chorale)

Barbara Williams (solo)

Matthew Sklar (music)

Chad Beguelin (lyrics)

Arr. Greg Gilpin

The Anonymous Ones (Rainbow Chorale)

Lisa Jackson-Bullock (solo)

Benj Pasek, Justin Paul &

Amandla Stenberg

Arr. Mark Brymer

Watershed

Anne Shuman & Grace Urban

Emily Saliers

The Joke

*Jessie Cocks, Martha Eldreth, Julie Hilfiker,
Lisa Jackson-Bullock, Leka Makenzie,
Debbie McCall, Beth Pearson, Melanie
Dawn Smith, Alison Tejada, Kym Thompson,
Summer Thompson, Kim vonWeltin*

Brandi Carlile, Dave Cobb,

Tim & Phil Hanseroth

Arr. Lauren Kahn

Raise Your Glass (Rainbow Chorale)

Alicia Bimore, Max Martin
& Karl "Shellback" Schuster

Arr. Jeste Bremer

Power of Pride Program Continued

Savage Daughter

*Jessie Cocks, Jake Dums, Ed Godden,
Martha Eldreth, Julie Hilfiker,
Lisa Jackson- Bullock, Maggie Kettlewood,
Donni Louise, Camilo Matos, Debbie McCall,
Beth Pearson, Noah Pehowic, Jay Simmons,
Melanie Dawn Smith, Kim vonWeltin*

Wyndreth Berginsdottir

(aka Karen Kahan)

Arr. Julie Hilfiker

Queendom

Skye Safholm

Aurora

The Girl in 14G

Anne Shuman

Jeanine Tesori & Dick Scanlan

The Village (Rainbow Chorale)

El Clauss, Kim vonWeltin, Jay

Simmons, Kym Thompson, Jake Dums (spoken)

Andrew Pearson, Andrew

Jackson & Stephen Wrabel

Arr. Ash

We Belong (Rainbow Chorale)

*Skye Safholm, Anne Shuman,
Kym Thompson (descant)*

David Eric Lowen & Daniel Navarro

Arr. Mark Brymer

Say Camilo

Camilo Matos

John Kander (music) & Fred Ebb (lyrics)

Arr. Camilo Matos

Raise You Up/Just Be (Rainbow Chorale)

Stosh Pehowic, Kym Thompson

Melanie Dawn Smith, Julie Hilfiker (solos),

Jake Dums (spoken)

Cyndi Lauper

Arr. Mac Huff

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Guest Artists

Debra Bialecki: Percussion



Tony Cimorosi: Bass

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Show Production

Mikey Reppy: Production Manager

• Mary Reppy: Stage Manager

Jim Smith: Sound

• Karrienne Funer: Lights

Diane Hofer & Vicky Tosh-Morelli: Live-stream

INTERMISSION



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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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>



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!



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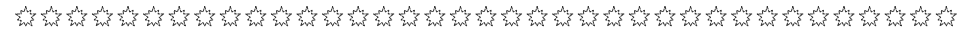
We have one trimester left in our 2023/2024 season and we'd love to have you join us! Joining the Rainbow Chorale is a **low-stress** process! We are a **NO AUDITION** chorus and we accept adult (18 and up) singers at **all** levels of experience.

Our Open Call dates for the 2024 spring trimester are:

- **Monday March 25, 6-7pm**
- **Monday April 1, 6-7pm**

Learn more about joining the chorale at

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



LOVE TO LISTEN?

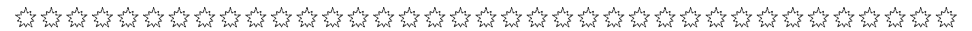
We greatly appreciate you, our lovely audience, and hope to see you again at our spring concert:

Shining our Light, Sunday 6/2/24, 4:00pm

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!

We'd love to learn more about you and what you think, so please take our on-line audience survey tonight by scanning this QR code, or by going to

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Thank you!



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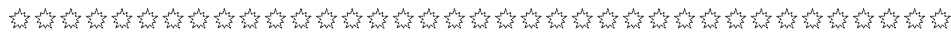
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The Rainbow Chorale says

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 shout-out to Debbie McCall for her tireless work on the Rainbow Connector!

Rainbow Chorale Members

Altos

Sarah Dollard
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 Donni Louise
 Shizhao Lu
 Leka Makenzie
 Debbie McCall†
 Beth Pearson
 Skylar Safholm
 Summer Thompson
 Kym Thompson
 Luisa Torrielli
 Kim vonWeltin

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Jim Batty
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 Jacob Dums
 Edward Godden
 Bob Lillich
 Camilo Matos†
 Ollie Miller
 Noah Pehowic
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 Jamie Williams

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 Grace Urban
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Tenors

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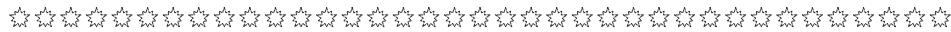
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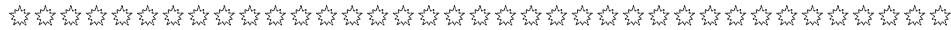


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2023/2024 Season

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
Spring Bingo with AIDS Delaware	4/14/24
Delaware Pride	6/1/24
Shining Our Light Concert	6/2/24
Sussex Pride	6/8/24
A+ Night, The Delaware Contemporary	6/27/24
GALA 2024 Festival , Minneapolis MN	7/10 - 7/14/24

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