

The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware



SHINING OUR LIGHT

Songs of Strength, Hope & Justice

**Sunday June 2, 2024
4pm**

**Presbyterian Church of the Covenant
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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.



MELANIE DAWN SMITH PRESIDENT

Good afternoon, friends and family,

Welcome to Shining Our Light, the highly anticipated third concert of the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware's 2023-2024 season!



This has been an amazing season for the RCD! But this concert doesn't end our fun. In July, we will travel to Minneapolis 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. Wish us safe travels as we embark on this journey together.

I think I would be amiss if I didn't touch on our recent growth. There is a buzz of excitement in the air, as it is now clear that the RCD is experiencing a renaissance in many ways. We are lucky to have a growing membership bursting with talent and varied experiences, which is breathing fresh air back into our organization. We are hearing lots of positive feedback about the impact our organization has had on the community by providing many newcomers with a safe place to land. In turn, this reminds us of our purpose as an organization and why the RCD was created.

Lastly, this coming season marks the RCD's 25th birthday! This is a momentous occasion that we are thrilled to share with you. So, mark your calendars as we are celebrating with a Masquerade Ball on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, at The Delaware Contemporary in Wilmington's Riverfront. Then celebrate with us again at the first concert of the season, which will commemorate the date of that first magical concert in 1999.

But until then, we hope this concert, Shining Our Light, lifts and inspires you with songs of hope, strength, and justice for all.

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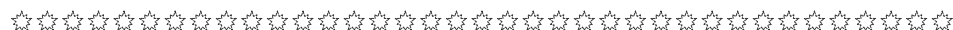
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Thank You for Your Support!



LOVE TO SING?

Join us for our 25th Anniversary season! We are a NO AUDITION chorus. We accept adult (18 and up) singers at all levels of experience. We rehearse right here at PCOC!

Our Open call dates for the 2024 fall trimester are

- **Monday September 9, 6-7pm**
- **Monday September 16, 6-7pm**

Learn more about joining the chorale at

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



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:

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

ARTISTIC STAFF



Artistic Director
Jon Matthew Timmons

The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware is thrilled 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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DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to the Rainbow Chorale of Delaware's final concert of the 2023-2024 season!

What an adventure this year has been! I am beyond proud of each and every member on stage this afternoon. Nothing unites us more than music and these singers have really stepped it up for this robust program. We hope you love this music as much as we do.

Our theme is simple yet powerful: Shining Our Light: *Songs of Strength, Hope, & Justice*. We are undoubtedly living in turbulent times both domestically and internationally. With so much vitriol and dissonance happening around us, we invite you to reflect on where we've been, where we are, and where we hope to be.

This afternoon's music hits all the "feels" - recognizing pain and anguish while also looking to a new day - one where peace, civility, acceptance, and love abound. Sit back, relax, and enjoy this powerful program. We are honored to have you here and hope to see you again in the fall!

In music and love,

Jon M. Timmons
Artistic Director
The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware

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Inveniam Viam

*Aut viam invenima aut faciam
Incertum est semita
futurae est obscurus,
Libet mea/Libet terminum meum
Libet viam meam*

I Will Make a Way

*I will find or make a way
The path is uncertain
The future unknown
I will choose/I will chose my limits,
I will choose my path*

☆☆

Guest Artists

Debra Bialecki: Percussion • Dave Fisher: Bass

String Quartet

Caroline Stephenson: Violin 1 • Daniel Seymour: Viola
Yuki Seo: Violin 2 • César Colmenares: Cello

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Concert Production

Mikey Reppy Live-Stream • Karrienne Funer: Soundboard

Shining Our Light Program

Inveniam Viam

(see previous page for translation)

Ryan Main
Text: Hannibal (b. 247 BC)
Additional Text: Ryan Main

Does the World Say?

Skye Safholm (solo)
Caroline Stephenson (violin)

Kyle Perderson

Come and See (Prism)

César Colmenares (cello)

Karen Marrolli

What About Us?

Debra Bialecki (percussion)
Dave Fisher (bass)

Alecia Moore, Steve Mac
& Johnny McDaid
Arr. Mark Brymer

A Safe Place to Land

Sara Bareilles & Lori McKenna
Arr. Mac Huff

Justice

Debra Bialecki (percussion)

Rollo Dilworth
Text: Paul Laurence Dunbar
Additional Text: Rollo Dilworth

INTERMISSION

The Hanging Tree

Kym Thompson (solo)

Suzanne Collins, Jeremiah Fraites
& Wesley Schultz
Arr. Mark Brymer

Seize the Day (Tenor & Basses)

Stosh Pehowic (solo)

Alan Menken
Text: Jack Feldman
Arr. Kirby Shaw

Crowded Table (Sopranos & Altos)

D. Conner & Donni Louise (solos)
Caroline Stephenson (violin)

Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna
& Brandi Carlile
Arr. Andrea Ramsey

Until Love is Spoken (Prism)

Karen Marrolli

Light Beyond Shadow

String Quartet

Dan Forrest
Text: Paul Wigmore

Keep Your Eyes on the Prize

El Clauss, Camilo Matos,
Kym Thompson, Jay Simmons (solos)
Debra Bialecki (percussion), Dave Fisher (bass)

Traditional Gospel
Arr. Brian Tate

Let the River Run

Julie Hilfiker (solo)
Debra Bialecki (percussion)

Carly Simon
Arr. Craig Hella Johnson

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Board Directors & Officers

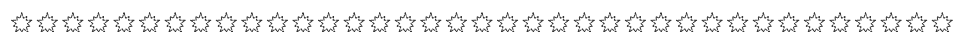
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The Rainbow Chorale says

THANK YOU!

to all the volunteers who have helped us this season. 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 Scot Steka for being our "orchestrator" this season and finding the fabulous guest musicians for our concerts!

Rainbow Chorale Members

ALTOS

Sarah Dollard*	Leka Makenzie*	Kym Thompson*
Jude Ferraro	Debbie McCall†	Summer Thompson*
Juliana Forbes	Carrena R. Morgan	Luisa Torrielli
Lisa Jackson-Bullock*	Beth Pearson*	Renna van Oot
Donni Louise	Skye Safholm*	Kim vonWeltin
Natalie Luhrs	Jan Owens	Jan Zimmerman

BASSES

Jim Batty	Edward Godden	Noach Pehowic
Timothy Cannon	Galen Keliikuli	Jim Scroggs
El Clauss	Bob Lillich	Bill Shaw-Gardner
Jacob Dums	Camilo Matos*†	Jamie Williams*
Jonathan Feggans	Allie F. Miller	
Jon Givens	Ollie Miller*	

SOPRANOS

Jessie Cocks	Anne Sewell	Grace Urban
D Conner	Anne Shuman*	Barbara Williams*†
Julie Hilfiker*†	Melanie Dawn Smith*	
Mary Reppy*	Alison Tejada	

TENORS

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

FIFTH SECTION

Yanaka Bernal	Shizhao Lu	Wren Roberts
Melisa Funer	Maura Lynch	
Maggie Kettlewood	Mikey Reppy	

* Prism; †Section Leader

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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
First & Central Interfaith Pride Service	6/5/24
Sussex Pride	6/8/24
A+ Night, The Delaware Contemporary	6/27/24
GALA 2024 Festival , Minneapolis MN	7/10 - 7/14/24

2024/2025 Season

Open Call, Fall Trimester	9/9 & 9/16/24
Halloween Bingo with AIDS Delaware	10/20/24
25 th Anniversary Masquerade Ball	11/2/24
25 th Anniversary Concert	Dec 2024

YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE!

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

<https://therainbowchorale.org/audience-survey>

Thank you!



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Hello Minneapolis!



The Rainbow Chorale is getting revved up for the 2024 GALA Chorus Festival in Minneapolis this July 10-14! Both the RCD and Prism will be performing. This GALA Festival will be larger than ever with over 7,000 attendees and over 200 choruses 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.

Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser!

We are running a 4 day popcorn fundraiser right now and you can enjoy delicious popcorn in all kind of flavors AND help us with our GALA expenses.

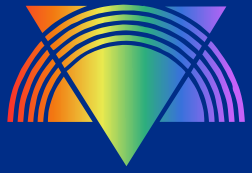
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