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Voice**
MIXED CHORUS
Minnesota's GLBTA Chorus

*Building community and creating social change
by raising our voices in song.*

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Come Fly with Me

A GLBT ROMP AROUND THE WORLD



June 15 & 16, 2012 • 7:30 pm

History Theatre
30 East Tenth Street, St. Paul

Jane Ramseyer Miller • Artistic Director
Scott Lykins • Accompanist

BOTH PERFORMANCES     FRIDAY ONLY

Welcome

From the Artistic Director

Welcome aboard GLBTrans Air. Our flight pattern tonight first takes us north to Quebec, across the ocean for a taste of European music, brief stops in Asia and Africa, a jump down to South America and the Caribbean before returning to the music of our beloved homeland, Minnesota. We anticipate a smooth ride but you never know when we might experience some unexpected turbulence! Keep that seat belt fastened!


~ Jane Ramsey Miller



From the Executive Director

One Voice friends, this is your Executive Director speaking. Please fasten your seatbelts and make sure that you're comfortable. Sit back, relax and enjoy a trip around the world – One Voice style!

Tonight's concert is the pinnacle of a very busy month. In May One Voice visited four Saint Paul schools as part of the OUT in Our Schools program – bringing our message of love and acceptance to today's youth. For 3 of the 4 schools we visited, this was the only choral music exposure the students received. For all six of the schools One Voice visited this year our work was *the* significant GLBT outreach the students received all year.

Earlier this month we were honored to be part of the inaugural "Harmony in the Park" series sponsored by MPR. It was great fun to share the stage with Vocal Essence and the Minnesota Boy Choir.

For years we've wanted to perform at Orchestra Hall. Last week we did! We were selected by blind-audition to perform at the Opening Night concert of Chorus America's 35th annual conference. It aired on MRP live and was an extraordinary experience.

Next month we head to Denver to perform as part of the quadrennial GALA Choral Festival. After a short break we launch our 25th Anniversary Season.

Your support makes our work possible. Talk to your friends about us. Bring them to an event. Follow us on Twitter. Like us on Facebook. Make sure you are on the mailing and email lists. Volunteer. Audition. Invite us to sing at your event or your business. And, of course, donations are always welcome.

Thank you for being here tonight – have a great time. Thank you supporting One Voice... we couldn't do it without you!


~ Craig Coogan

Thank you, from the Artistic Director to:

- Students at Gordon Park HS, St. Francis HS, Creative Arts HS, Open World Learning, St. Paul Conservatory for the Arts, and Community of Peace Academy for making vibrant and incredible music with One Voice this year. We loved singing with you and we hope you enjoy this trip around the world!
- Paul Pederson for his assistance with everything from recording rehearsal CDs, to concert recordings, to accompanying our OUT in Our Schools concerts and joining us tonight on accordion and guitar!
- Our fabulous Production Committee who took this travel idea on the road – and to Spencer for giving up singing this season to offer the gift of his incredible stage management.
- Our newest staff, Craig and Bekka, for making it through their first concert season with flying colors.

~ Jane Ramsey Miller



Minnesota's GLBTA Chorus

Building community and
creating social change
by raising our voices in song.

One Voice Mixed Chorus unites gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and straight allies to build community and create social change by raising our voices in song. As the largest GLBT chorus in North America, One Voice is known for its musical excellence, diverse programming, and deep commitment to community outreach. The 100 singing members range from ages 17 to 74, and the "Fifth Section" boasts more than 50 non-singing volunteers. Whether performing in schools, at community events, or on stage for marquee concerts, One Voice inspires transformation through passionate, vibrant, and creative performances. The award-winning chorus, under the direction of Artistic Director Jane Ramseyer Miller, has performed for thousands of people throughout the Twin Cities, Greater Minnesota and beyond and is described by Chorus America as "one of the region's best ensembles."

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One Voice Mixed Chorus is a member of GALA Choruses. The mission of GALA Choruses is inspiring and strengthening member choruses to change their worlds through song. Founded in 1982 by fourteen choruses, GALA Choruses is the world's leading international choral association for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied choruses.

This July, over 6,000 GLBT and allied choral singers will descend on Denver for the 9th quadrennial GALA Chorus Festival. The 4½ day Festival includes just under 200 performances by GLBT choirs from across the world. One Voice and our small ensemble, OVation, will each perform their own concert sets and will also be featured in an evening concert celebrating GALA's 30-year history hosted by commentator Dan Savage. One Voice will perform a movement from BraveSouls & Dreamers along with the Portland Gay Men's Chorus and Resonance Women's Chorus creating a huge chorus of over 250 singers on stage! Join us for a free send-off concert on July 2 at 8:00 pm.

Upcoming Events

2012

Send-Off Concert for GALA Festival 2012

July 2, • 8:00 – 9:00 pm
St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church
100 North Oxford Street, St Paul
FREE event!

GALA Festival Performance

July 9, • 2:00 pm
Denver, CO

2012-2013 25th Anniversary Season

Karaoke!

August 13, 2012 • 7 pm to 10 pm
Hells Kitchen
80 9th Street South, Minneapolis

New Singer Auditions

August 27 & September 4, 2012

And Justice for All

October 13 & 14, 2012

Yesterday to Tomorrow

25th Anniversary Concert

January 26, 2013 • 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm
The Cowles Center
528 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN

Spring Fever

April 6, 2013
Bloomington Center for the Arts

OUT in Our Schools

May, 2013

Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra

May 11, 2013

Minnesota Voices

June 14 & 15, • 2013 7:30 pm
History Theatre
30 East Tenth Street, St Paul, MN

Outreach tour to greater Minnesota

June 20 – 22, 2013

One Voice OUT in the Community

As part of our commitment to outreach in the community, One Voice performs concerts throughout the year at community events, schools, faith communities, conferences and corporate diversity events.

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25th Anniversary Season!

August 27 and September 4, 2012

Sign up in the lobby to receive an information packet,
or request one online at www.ovmc.org/auditions.html. You can also request information via email
info@ovmc.org or phone at 651.298.1954.

Artistic Staff



Jane Ramseyer Miller, Artistic Director

Jane Ramseyer Miller is in her 18th year as Artistic Director for One Voice Mixed Chorus, and currently serves as Artistic Director in Residence for GALA Choruses. She holds Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Minnesota and a BA in Psychology from the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. Ramseyer Miller has served as Music Director for several church choirs as well as for TransVoices, Calliope Women's Chorus, Fierra Voce Femmina, and Voices for Peace – a multi-cultural youth choir. Ramseyer Miller's compositions are published by Yelton Rhodes Music and Pilgrim Press. She especially enjoys creative community collaborations and has created choral music with 15-Head Theater Lab, The Women's Cancer Resource Center, Shakopee Women's Correctional Facility, In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, Kairos Dance Theatre, Mu Daiko, Teens Rock the Mic and District 202 among others. In 2008 she received the GALA Choruses Legacy Award for her conducting, innovative programming and commitment to community outreach. In 2010 she was awarded the ACDA VocalEssence Award for Creative Programming and the ACDA Minnesota Advocate for Choral Excellence (ACE) Award.



Scott Lykins, Accompanist

Scott recently joined the artistic team at One Voice as Accompanist. He began playing piano at age five in his native Brainerd, Minnesota, and studied privately for twelve years, gaining considerable experience in vocal and string collaboration. He holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the Eastman School of Music in Cello Performance and is a freelance artist around the Twin Cities. An advocate for the exploration of innovative music presentation, Scott is Founder and Artistic Director of the Lakes Area Music Festival in Brainerd, Minnesota and Managing Assistant for the inaugural season of the Minneapolis Mill City Summer Opera this summer.



Randi Grundahl Rexroth, Ovation Ensemble Coach

Randi is delighted to be working with OVation and has enjoyed singing with this talented group of singers. She is also a choir director at the Visitation School in Mendota Heights, Assistant Director for the Twin Cities Women's Choir, and is music directing several shows in Hudson, Wisconsin, and at Macalester College. When she's not conducting, teaching, or directing, she's arranging and composing while trying to perform.

Our GALA Festival concert will be Randi's last as Ensemble Coach for OVation. We are very sad to say farewell after seven fabulous years with the chorus. Thank-you Randi!

One Voice & Concert Personnel

One Voice Personnel

Artistic Director	Jane Ramseyer Miller
Accompanist	Scott Lykins
OVation Ensemble Coach	Randi Grundahl Rexroth
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Artists

Instrumentalists:	Scott Lykins (cello), Paul Pederson (guitar, accordion), Allison Thielen (fiddle), Steph Pederson, Jane Ramseyer Miller, Martha Bentley (penny whistle)
Percussion	Krissy Bergmark
Percussion Ensemble	Martha Bentley, Danielle Boor, Kate Lynn Hibbard, Jim Miller, JD Stocksett, Allison Thielen
Language/Singing Coaches:	Cochise Anderson (Native American singing) John Elroy Kelleher-Cantero (Irish dialect) Garrick Comeaux (Italian) Natalie Nowytski (Bulgarian, Quebecois French) Jason Woodbury (Japanese)
Postcard Narrators:	Britt Abel, Charlie Beale, Sarah Bizek, Chris Dart, Katrina Johnson, Dennis Wu, Jane Ramseyer Miller
Choreography	Scott Kvigne
Dance Captain	Emily Tinawi
Dancers	Dorothy Barnes-Griswold, James Gottfried, Jennifer Heaton, Cate Hesser, Benjamin Lamb, Sarah Olson, Erika Rae

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Concert Set One

At this time, we request that all mobile phones, pagers, radios and remote controlled toys be turned off for the full duration of the concert, as these items might interfere with the performers and of those around you. We request that all other electronic devices be turned off until we return you safely at the end of the evening. We will notify you when it is safe to use such devices. No photos or videos are allowed during the concert. Thank you!

Airplane

Music by Emily Saliers, arr. Randi Grundahl Rexroth
Soloists: Darcy Juhl, Jay Kurvers

J'entends le Moulin

arr. Donald Patriquin

Translation synopsis: French Canadian folksong with text about a mill, building a house and carpenters - the youngest is quite darling. Most of the text is illogical due to a game where each line ends with the same rhyme.

Married in London

Music by Janis Ian, arr. Hayes/Rexroth
Performed by OVation: Marisa Squadrito Geisler, Darcy Juhl, Shari Pleiss, Brian Geving, Wayne A. F. Schneider, Jay Kurvers, Becky Warren, Allan Warrior
OVation Coach: Randi Grundahl Rexroth

Lo How a Rose

Music by Michael Praetorius and Jan Sandström
English text by Theodore Baker
Ensemble: Jeff Anderson, John Bagniewski, Danielle Boor, Cate Hesser, Sherrie Luetgers, Jim Miller, Douglas Munro, Jennifer Root, Allison Thielen, Gloria Vande Hoef, Dick Van Deusen, Allan Warrior

Ergen Deda

Traditional Bulgarian folk song, arr. by P. Lyondev
Ensemble: Britt Abel, Kate Lynn Hibbard, Rosemary Kosmatka, Becky Warren

"Ergen Deda" is a Bulgarian folk song, which comes from the Shope region, near the capital of Sophia. It tells of an old bachelor who struts down the street in festive attire hoping to find a new wife as he joins the young women engaged in a circle dance at a village festival. They all run away.

Soldiers Joy

Traditional Irish song

Report on my Interview with Fairies

Music by Charles Baker
Soloists: Darcy Juhl, Jay Kurvers

Olà! O che bon ecco

Music by Orlando di Lasso
English text by Sigmund Spaeth, arr. Wilhelm Widmann
Echo chorus performed by OVation
This prolific Renaissance composer left over 2000 motets, masses, chansons, songs and madrigals to the choral world... and we are sure he'd love this rendition of his most famous madrigal. It features a cute Renaissance echo that cops an attitude to become absolutely annoying.

Heavenly Light

Music by Alexander Kopylov
English text by Alice Mattullath, arr. Peter Wilhousky
In the rich tradition of the Russian choral masters, Kopylov weaves a shimmering tribute to the "Divine Light of Love."

Somagwaza

Traditional South African folk song
Soloists: Jennifer Root, Steve Greenberg
A traditional South African song, Somagwaza is performed as part of a coming-of-age ceremony as the initiates run down to the river to wash off the ceremonial clay with which they have decorated themselves. Translation: "The one who is old enough to carry their own spear, no longer needs their mother."

Siksik Si Batu Manikkam

Traditional Indonesian folk song, arr. Pontas Purba
Ensemble: Britt Abel, Jeff Anderson, Katrina Johnson, Rosemary Kosmatka, Karen Muleski, Becky Warren
Translation: The more you look you can see that my face has blemishes. Beauty is worthless if you don't have a beautiful character.

— Intermission —

Concert Set Two

Yakko's World

The Animaniacs and Yakko Warner

Spell of the Elements

Music by Abbie Betinis, Poetry by Elizabeth Jennings
St. Paul composer Abbie Betinis was inspired by the pagan practice of calling the four elements (earth, air, fire and water). In Jennings' poem, each element is associated with a direction, color, action and part of the body. As in traditional practice, the elements are thanked and dismissed one by one at the conclusion of the piece.

Hotariu Koi

Traditional Japanese children's song, arr. Ro Ogura

Ensemble: Martha Bentley, Heidi Jensen, Rosemary Kosmatka,
Nicole Navratil, Sarah Ann Post, Erika Rae, Jennifer Root,
Gloria Vande Hoef, Becky Warren

*Translation: Ho, firefly! Come, there's water that's bitter to taste.
Come, here's water that's sweet to your taste.*

Ho, firefly! Up this mountain path.

*Firefly's daddy struck it rich, so he's got lots of dough --
no wonder his rear end sparkles in the dark!*

*Ho, firefly! In the daytime, hiding amongst dewy blades of grass,
but when it's night, his own lantern burns bright.*

*We've flown all the way from India --
and the sparrows swarm to swallow us -- Zoom!*

Ho, firefly! Up this mountain path.

Look, see a thousand lanterns sparkling in the dark!

Mahk Jchi

Written by Pura Fe, Saponi translation by Lawrence Dunmore
arr. Lori Tennenhouse & Jane Ramseyer Miller

*Translation: Our hearts are full, our minds are good. Ancestors
come. They give us strength. They tell us to stand tall, sing and
dance. Never forget who you are and where you come from.*

Lacrimosa

Music by Calixto Álvarez

Soloists: Emily Schmidt - Friday • Britt Abel - Saturday

*Translation synopsis: Cuban composer Alvarez, has woven a
traditional text from the Requiem mass with a song of mourning
to Obatala, one of the main orishas (gods) of the Yoruba religion
of Africa.*

Verano Porteño

Astor Piazzolla, arr. Oscar Escalada

*Translation: The lyrics of Verano Porteño are nonsense
Spanish syllables describing summer in Buenos Aires.*

Minnesota Chapsticks

Music by Peter Berryman, arr. Jane Ramseyer Miller

Love is All Around

Music and lyrics by Sonny Curtis, arr. A. S. Warrior

Performed by OVation

America the Beautiful

Music by Samuel Ward

Text by Katharine Lee Bates and Miriam Therese
Winter, arr. Jack & Dawn Halloran



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If you have already named One Voice as a beneficiary in your estate plans, or are considering such a gift, please contact Craig Coogan, Executive Director, at (651) 298-1954 or ExecutiveDirector@ovmc.org. Thank you for your generosity.

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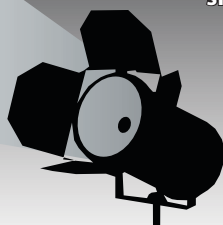
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