

Notes from Voices in Harmony

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Twenty-Third Year of Excellence in Choral Music!

Voices in Harmony
Steven Szalaj,
Director
Presents

Communitix

to the North and South

Sunday, April 18
4:00 pm
Raue Center For The Arts
26 N. Williams St. • Downtown Crystal Lake

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Mexico
Cuba, Brazil
Panama & Canada!

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From the Podium

Steven Szalaj, Artistic Director

Join us for a musical foray across our borders

Preparing this program has been fun and enlightening. Researching the music, hunting down authentic and representative arrangements has been a rewarding challenge. By presenting the music from Canada, Central America and South America, the program will be full of variety sampling the cultures with which we share a hemisphere. For all the contrasts in the sounds, the not-so-rare similarities are striking. One does not have to look deeply to see how this music shares a common history and has influenced our own American culture.

The folk-tales set to music, songs of life and place, tunes based on dance rhythms, composed works influenced by local styles – all find representation in our performance.

But the choir is not only stepping over geographic borders. All of us, myself included, have had to reach beyond our personal borders into music and languages that are “out of our comfort zone.” We have all grown (and sometimes we all “groan”) by immersing ourselves in these pieces, not merely listening to them, but actually learning to sing them. It is work. But it is very rewarding work. I know that I am better for having made this journey.

Come along and meet our new friends, our **Neighbors: to the North and South!**

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From the President's Corner
Jennifer Oberbillig

Greetings and Happy Spring Everyone!!
Wow! Another year has passed very quickly. I think we are all looking forward to a warm and wonderful spring.

Speaking of spring, **Voices in Harmony** is in the process of preparing for our spring concert, **Community: To the North and South**. Experience musically artistic contrasts as we step across our borders to explore music from Canada and Latin America, including folk music and songs written by composers from our neighbors in the global community. It's been a challenge learning both French and Spanish for this concert, but these cultures are so much a part of us; you will be amazed at the variety of sounds, and surprised by the similarities.

This has truly been another melodic year of performing colorful choral settings and arrangements. Our fall concert, **Youth and Experience: Community**, was VIH's first successful collaboration with the Northwest Community Youth Choir directed by Ann Tucker. What a delight to perform with such an elite children's choir. Our traditional **Sing-Along Messiah** concert, my favorite, started the holiday season this past year on Dec 13th in our second partnership with the Raue Center For The Arts. The Raue featured us in their program and on their website as a Special Holiday Event. We included a Silent Auction as a part of the holiday festivities.

As usual, we continue with a myriad of activities, most notably our fundraising endeavors, as we prepare to attend and celebrate our 2nd Annual Wine Tasting event sponsored by local restaurateur and wine expert Andy Andresky with 1776, to be held at the Raue Center For The Arts, April 11th from 3-5p.m. We have focused our fundraising efforts toward goals which include an assistant
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CONCERT PROGRAM

Community: To the North and South

I: From the South

- Alleluia Ralph Manuel (b. 1951)
- Yemaya Asesu Traditional Cuban
- Guararé..... Ricardo Fàbrigas (1905 – 1973)
- Alleluia from "Brazilian Psalm" Jean Berger (1909 – 2002)

II: From the North

- In Flanders Fields Steven Chatman (b. 1950)
- Savory, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme British Columbia Folksong
- The Wreck of the Steamship Ethie Newfoundland Folksong
- J'entends le Moulin French Canadian

III: From the North

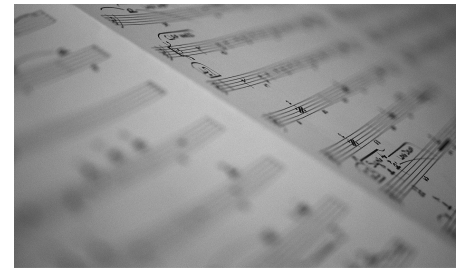
- Marguerite Newfoundland Folksong
The VIH Ensemble
- Song for the Mira Allister MacGillivray (b. 1948)
- By the Waters of the Minnetonka Thurlow Lieurance (1878 – 1963)
- Seattle Red Steven Chatman (b. 1950)

IV: From the South

- Duerme Ramón Noble (1925 – 1999)
The VIH Ensemble
- Guantanamera José Fernandez (1908 – 1979)
The VIH Ensemble
- Cielito Lindo Mexican Folksong
- Oye Jim Papoulis (b. 1957)

director, choir manager and sound shell. So far, money has been raised through candy sales from the South Bend Chocolate Company, our program ad campaign, and summer raffle. The Illinois Arts Council contributed \$1070 in grant funds toward our concert season and The Target Company contributed \$1000 sponsorship towards our fall concert.

As we march onward and upward, we hope to see you April 18th at the Raue Center for our spring concert,
Community: To the North and South



Music is the literature of the heart; it commences where speech ends.
~Alphonse de Lamartine



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Do you enjoy music?

Do you enjoy singing?

Voices in Harmony is a non-profit group composed of area singers who enjoy sharing the gift of music with others. VIH performs a number of concerts each year at the Raue Center for the Arts in downtown Crystal Lake. A summer concert is performed at Crystal Lake Main Beach.

New members are welcome to join us in June when we begin rehearsals for our summer concert. For more information contact Monica Szalaj at 815-455-4879 or mszalaj@earthlink.net.

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> *Wine Tasting Fundraiser* <

Sunday April 11, 2010 3:00 ~ 5:00 pm

On Stage at the **Raue Center for the Arts**

Come join us for *Voices in Harmony's*
second annual wine tasting fundraiser

Several wine vendors with a variety of wines

Refreshments will be served

A portion of wine sales goes to the choir

Tickets available from choir members
or at the door.....\$20 per person

Hosted once again by our long-time, loyal
supporters and wine experts at

1776 Restaurant

For more information contact
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Summer Concert

Tuesday June 29, 2010 7:00 pm

Crystal Lake Main Beach band shell

VIH invites you to join our Summer Festival Chorus as we present a free program of patriotic and American favorites, with a special focus on gospel, spirituals and folk songs. Come enjoy an evening of fun music! Bring a lawn chair or blanket!