



SPIRIT'S CALL CHOIR BENEFIT CONCERT

to support Refugee Sponsorship
for North End Sponsorship Team (NEST)

GUEST ARTISTS

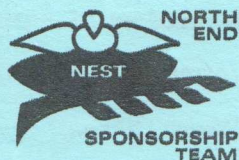
Marcel Desilets

Vanessa Kuzina, Lynsay Perkins, Melissa Plett
and Serena Postel

Deborah Romeyn

Sunday, December 3, 2006, 2:30 p.m.

Knox United Church
400 Edmonton Street



North End Sponsorship Team (NEST) is a registered charity, welcomes donations and will issue tax-deductable receipts.

Program



DA PACEM DOMINE Melchior Franck

SPIRIT'S CALL Michael Kurek

WORDS OF WELCOME

MYSTERY Jeremy Geffen (*arranged by Denis Donnelly*)

SENZENINA South African Freedom song

GUEST—MARCEL DELILETS

Dragon Fly / If I Could Write a Country Song

BONNY PORTMORE Traditional Irish (*arranged by Denis Donnelly*)

BIM BAUM Nigun

**GUESTS—VANESSA KUZINA, LYNsay PERKINS,
MELISSA PLETT, SERENA POSTEL**

WOYAYA Traditional

EL CONDOR PASA 18th century Peruvian folk song
(*lyrics by Paul Simon*)



INTERMISSION



HENRY ZACHARIAS with choir accompaniment

SOUND WITHIN MY HEART Harold Moses

N'KOSI SIKELELI' AFRIKA South African Freedom song

BABETHANDAZA Traditional Zulu (*arranged by Ysaye Barnwell*)

GUEST—DEBORAH ROMEYN

Late November / Nothing Like the Freedom

PEACE OF THE EARTH Guatemalan folk song (*arranged by John Bell*)

SING! Jeremy Vallance (*words by John Wesley Oldham*)

About Spirit's Call Choir



Spirit's Call Choir supports:

PERSONAL HARMONY—singing to bring balance and joy to our inner being

CHORAL HARMONY—singing to create beautiful sound in our vocal community

GLOBAL HARMONY—singing for causes that support transformation, justice and peace

Spirit's Call Choir has a special relationship with NEST. Our first benefit concert for NEST in November 2003 marked the choir's first full-length concert performance. We are delighted to present our 4th annual benefit concert for NEST here today, since partnering with NEST is an ideal fit for our global harmony vision. The choir also performs for various other community and global causes and has sung at two national conferences held in Winnipeg.

On June 18, 2005, *Spirit's Call Choir* launched its long-awaited first CD *Spirit's Call Choir—Together in Harmony* at The Forks in Winnipeg. Part of the CD was recorded at our 2nd NEST concert in November 2004. The CD is available for sale in the foyer here today.

Spirit's Call Choir began in an "Explorations of the Self" workshop with Margaret Tobin and Dorothy Becker in November 2000 at St. Norbert Arts Centre when people who had been told they could NOT sing found their voices and decided to form a choir. Our belief is that singing is the birthright of everyone! From the original 9 singers, *Spirit's Call Choir* has grown to over 130 voices and includes novice to accomplished singers and musicians. The choir offers a supportive environment for remembering, reclaiming and celebrating the spirit and voice of one and all and welcomes all who want to find their voice and "Sing for the Joy!"

Spirit's Call's non-audition community choir continues to grow and change as more new members join us and our singing experiences evolve. Our original musical director Lyle Eide (fall seasons 2001-04) brought the choir from singing along with CD's to the concert stage and recording our own CD. Director Alex Kirov generously contributed his time and talent to the choir in spring 2004. Michael Kurek became musical director in January 2005 and the choir benefited greatly from his musical genius. Jeremy Vallance stepped into the director's role during the spring 2006 season. With his spirited leadership and talent, the choir has continued to grow and thrive.

Spirit's Call Choir welcomes new members for the spring season—starting January 21, 2007. The orientation for new members is at 2 pm January 21st. The full choir sings from 2:30 to 4:30 pm (weekly—Sunday afternoons.) We meet at the Unitarian Church, 603 Wellington Crescent. Those who love to sing and those who always thought they couldn't are equally welcome!

For more information or to join the choir please contact Dawn Lazar at 488-0495 or dlazar@mts.net or check www.spiritscall.com (click on choir)

The choir is a Winnipeg offering of *Spirit's Call*[™], founded in 1996 by Merv Campone and Dorothy Becker to contribute to personal and universal harmony and balance through the integration of healing, learning and the arts. *Spirit's Call* is based in Vancouver and Winnipeg.

The *Spirit's Call Collection* includes the book *Spirit's Call—When the Spirit Touches the Soul*, the relaxation CD *Spirit's Call—A Companion for Healing* and an original art card. These are on display in the foyer with the choir's CD and are available for purchase today.

News from NEST



NEST 1986-2006 TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

NEST is a cooperative ministry of eight congregations plus individual members who work in harmony to sponsor and welcome refugees into our midst. Since NEST's beginnings, we have welcomed 31 sponsorships for a total of 112 persons from 17 countries including Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burundi, Colombia, Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Kosovo, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, and Vietnam. We currently have other sponsorships in process or under active consideration. As well, NEST has provided caregiving and assistance to additional refugees who have asked or been referred to NEST for help.

NEST sponsorships are normally arranged through Canadian Lutheran World Relief, our "Sponsorship Agreement Holder" with the Canadian Department of Citizenship and Immigration. NEST also works in cooperation with Welcome Place and other groups bringing refugees to Canada. Most of our sponsorships are for one year from the date of arrival in Canada.

Proceeds from the last *Spirit's Call* Benefit concert, close to \$9000, helped NEST to support and officially complete two sponsorships, a family of 7 persons from Ethiopia, and a four member family from Kosovo. NEST has recently welcomed two brothers from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Their brother, who came to Canada in 1998, is providing both personal care and financial support under this family-linked sponsorship. Three young women (two sisters and a cousin) from Burundi arrived in Winnipeg September 25, after being in a refugee camp in Tanzania. They are now living with their aunt in Winnipeg and NEST is providing financial support and some caregiving.

NEST is grateful to the *Spirit's Call Choir* for promoting *Global Harmony* and singing for refugees. The world continues to produce refugees in need of your help. NEST is limited in the number of sponsorships it can take by the finances available and especially by the number of volunteers available for caregiving.

If you feel you can help NEST in either of these ways, or you would like more information, please contact Chair Jim Mair at 632-4757 or come to one of our regular meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, 211 Kimberley, next on January 27, 2007 at 7 pm.

Choir Members



MUSICAL DIRECTOR Jeremy Vallance

PROGRAM DIRECTOR Margaret Tobin

PERCUSSION Henry Zacharias

SOPRANO Diane Bauer, Maureen Bliss, Sheila E. Bradford, Eleanore Chestley, Gladys Comeault, Tamara Coombs, Delsie Cousineau, Neesyona Cuthbert, Johanna Habinski, Bessie-Marie Hill, Carol Hodges, Germaine Isaak, Diane Kunec, Gerda Laninga, Yvonne LeDoyen, Nancy McAvoy Gajdosik, Tina Miller, Linda Norman, Christina Ogg, Kristen Olson, Patricia Orban, Noëlla Parent, Doreen Penneys, Judie Perry, Claudette Poitras, Heather Punkert, Shoma Ray, Barbara Samson, Penny Scurfield, Anita Squire, Margaret Tobin, Jackie Van Winkle, Miriam Werth, Natalie Woodburn-Heron, Janice Yon.

ALTO Nancy Addison, Carmen Asu, Elizabeth Barker, Denise Bissonnette, Doreen Bouchard, Karen Burrige, Laverne Carlson, Dana Chrest, Robin Cox, Nia Cravariotis, Marguerite Donaldson, Heather Emberley, Martha Epstein, Fruma Farago, Heather Gerardy, Rita Ghosh, Louise Gillman, Sonia Goertzen, Kendra Gowler, Sara Hogarth, Lynn Ibbitt, Pauline Johnson, Alison Kennedy, Jenny Kuchta, Dawn Lazar, Gail Lefebvre, Gerry Lockhart, Patti Malo, Mary-Ann Maurice, Audrey McBride-Christle, Barbara McCulloch, Annie Meinders, Maureen Morrison, Sandra Morrison, Carolyn Mosher, Marlene Oldham, Lorraine Pantel, Donna Perchaluk, Betty Punkert, Pat Reid, Dianne Renick, Kathryn Ritchot, Dimple Roy, Betty Sanguin, Brenda Sciberras, Lorelei Scott, Gerri Serrette, Catherine Smallwood, Erin Smith, Lisa-Marie Stefaniw, Lyn Stevenson, Joan Suzuki, Kristrun Turner, Jennifer Vallance, Karen Vong, Wendy Wagner, Dorcas Wehner, Jan Wehner, Elizabeth Wotton, Virginia Zazula.

Choir Members



TENOR Nicholas Burns, Terence Caslake, Sharon Chalupiak, Laurie Cheswick/Ward, Can DAH SEE Cross, Keith Garvie, Wanda Gates, Joan Gervais, Marilynne Keil, Ellen Kolisnyk, Esther Korchynski, John Laninga, Margaret LeMaitre, Elisabeth Loewen Genest, Linda Meckling, Brian Migie, Johannes Molter, Susan Nesbit, Ed Rzeszutek, Ben Steeves, Karen Stock, Margret Weber, Bonnie Wrighton, Charlene Zelanko

BASS Jim Beckta, John Breland, Fred Brick, John Buchanan, Jim Chapryk, Leonard Greenwood, Aubrey Hemminger, Ian Irvine, John Oldham, René Perreault, Alan Wilson, Henry A. Zacharias

Thank You



NEST is grateful to:

- Members of Spirit's Call Choir, directors Jeremy Vallance and Margaret Tobin for their enthusiasm and philanthropy.
- Guest vocalists Marcel Desilets and Deborah Romeyn and group vocalists Vanessa Kuzina, Lynsay Perkins, Melissa Plett and Serena Postel.
- Sarah Blackwell, Sandra Zukanovich and Irma McKenzie for designing and preparing posters and programs, for their patience and expertise.
- NEST concert coordinator Elisabeth Kunkel for logistics and liaison.
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief, sponsorship agreement holder for NEST, for its constant support and encouragement.
- All who helped in any way for affirming the work of NEST.