

From the Director

In April of '95 about a half dozen or so of us gathered in my living room and decided to form a small singing ensemble of openly gay, lesbian and bisexual persons. We got a few more friends to join us, began rehearsing, and in June made our debut singing a few numbers in the Gay/Lesbian Pride Talent Show at Clapp Recital Hall. The response we got from the community was overwhelming and exhilarating. Six months later we performed our first concert and again were overwhelmed by your support and affirmation.

Since our inception last year we have doubled in size, joined GALA (the National Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses), broadened our understanding of community to be more inclusive of transgendered individuals, formed a Board of Directors, and even sung at the State Capitol in Des Moines! Along the way we've also formed new friendships and renewed old ones. It's been quite a year.

We owe much of our growth and success to you for your continued support and affirmation. There is obviously a need in Eastern lowa for openly gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons to join together to express our pride and solidarity through music. We hope that as we do this we will inspire a similar pride and sense of solidarity within the wider community. Thank you for your generous support in this effort. Enjoy the concert.

Rick Yramategui, Director

Acknowledgments

We gratefully acknowledge the many people who have helped to make tonight's performance possible, especially Faith United Church of Christ for their providing weekly rehearsal space, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Iowa City and Faith United Methodist Church of Cedar Rapids for use of their facilities for these performances, and Larry Kelley of Iowa City West High School for the use of their sheet music.

The QUIRE Rick Yramategui, Director

One Voice Kevin Wery, soloist Jeffrey A. Mead, accompanist

Arr. Jeffrey A. Mead

Song of Community Love Lifted Me

Arr. Rick Yramategui Arr. Dan Troxel

Too Shy To Say Lindsy Park, soloist

Lay Me Down Stephen Arnold, soloist

Composer, Larry Weiss

Over The Rainbow Jeffrey A. Mead, soloist

Selections From "Mass For Four Voices" Kyrei Eleison Gloria In Excelsis W. Byrd

Furi Bondo Spira II Vento Míchael Stokes, soloíst

Handel

Breaths by Ysaye Barnwell Women's Ensemble: Susan Beckett, Marlys Boote, Lorí Goetsch, and Chrís McOmber

Seven Principles
Susan Beckett, Chris McOmber & Kevin Wery, soloists

Bernice Johnson Reagon

Words Like Freedom
The Party of the Year
From Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss

Audrey Snydere Arr. John Sacco

How Long Has This Been Going On? Kevin Wery, soloist

Gershwin

He Loves and She Loves Deb Tiemens, soloist

Gershwin

Gershwin! A Concert Panorama Susan Beckett, soloíst Jeffrey A. Mead, Accompanist

Arr. John Higgins

The Quire Personnel

Director Rick Yramategui

Sopranos

Susan Beckett Lori Goetsch Christina McOmber Justine Retz Cate Sheller Deb Tiemens

Altos

Marlys Boote Stacy Claeys Julie Dowell Ann Grimm Tammw Krotz Judith Pendleton Sandy Pickup

Tenors

Anna Appleby Stephen Arnold Tim Fees Larry Kaplan Lindsay Park Dot Sheldon James Stout Darrell Taylor Kevin Wery

Basses

Christopher Carpenter Jeffrey A. Mead Roland Peterman Dick Spurlock Michael Stokes Ashley Super

Anyone interested in joining The Quire, please see Rick after the concert, or join us Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. at Faith United Church of Christ, 1609 DeForest Street, Iowa City

For more information, call Rick at (319) 358-7496