THE CONCORD COMMUNITY OF CHOIRS PRESENTS

Bramble and the Rose

AURORA CHORUS • JOAN SZYMKO, DIRECTOR

SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS: Kate Power and Steve Einhorn

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 • 4:00 & 7:00 PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
The Concord Community of Choirs is a consortium of nine choirs with a singular mission: to produce quality choral music as an instrument of peace for our audience and ourselves. Our goal is to instill concord and an awareness of one world in an ever-expanding audience.

**CONCORD COMMUNITY OF CHOIRS**

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women in harmony for peace

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Multi-level, 100+ voice women’s chorus. Meets Thursday evenings at Whitaker Middle School. Open enrollment as space available.

**satori men’s chorus**

men singing peace

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**Chrysalis Concert Choir**, directed by Mary McCarty, is an auditioned choir for treble singers, ages 10 to 15, with previous musical experience.

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the harmony of man

ADAM STEELE, DIRECTOR

An auditioned men’s ensemble. Primary repertoire is new and rarely heard men’s choral music.

Call 721-0262 for more information or visit us on the web @ www.concordchoirs.org

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AURORA CHORUS PERFORMS AT THE FIRST PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL!

The Concord Community of Choirs is honored that Aurora Chorus and David York Ensemble have both been invited to participate in Portland's first International Choral Festival, July 20-23. Aurora can be heard in a free concert to be given at St. Mary's Cathedral (1716 NW Davis) on Thursday, July 20th at 7:30pm. Also singing on that evening's program are the Vienna Men's Chorus, the Santiago University Chorale and members of the Portland Symphonic Choir.

Joan Szymko's "It Takes a Village," (originally written for Aurora Chorus) will be sung by the 300 voice Festival Chorus at the grand finale concert which will be given at The Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Sunday July 23 at 3pm. Both Joan and David York will be guest conductors at this exciting event. Ticket information for the Sunday concert and other festival information can be found at the festival web site: www.choralinternational.com or by calling 257-6991.

VIRIDITAS AUDITIONS

Joan Szymko will be holding auditions for the 2000-2001 season in early September. Viriditas women's vocal ensemble has openings for experienced choral musicians with sight reading ability, good vocal technique and a desire for excellence. For more information, or to schedule an audition, please call 721-0262.

Viriditas vocal ensemble was formed in Portland, Oregon in 1994 to explore the ancient connection between music and community ritual, to nurture a spirit of collaboration with audiences, to create partnerships with other art forms and artists and to showcase the compositions of founding director, Joan Szymko. Viriditas sings an eclectic array of distinctive choral literature for women's voices, from 12th century chant to contemporary works. "Viriditas" is a Latin word coined by medieval mystic Hildegard of Bingen which means "greening power"– the creative force which makes all things grow, expand and celebrate.

Love to Sing? Want to Make a Difference?
The Concord Community of Choirs is forming a new, out-reach focused choir for teens!

Concentric
Teens Reaching Out Thru Song
Directed by Mary McCarty

Concentric is for both genders aged 14-18. Call 503-721-0262 for more information

Joan Szymko has led Aurora Chorus since 1993. She has nearly 20 years of experience as a choral conductor, composer and teacher in the Pacific Northwest. Originally from Chicago, she received formal music training in voice, choral education and conducting at the University of Illinois (Urbana).

A prolific composer, Szymko has penned numerous original choral works, chamber music, musicals, modern dance collaborations, other theatrical music and countless vocal arrangements. Abundant lyricism, rhythmic intensity and a deep respect for language are hallmarks of her diverse and distinctive choral writing. Her choral music is published by Santa Barbara Music Publishing (www.sbmp.com).

Szymko is a resident composer and has been a frequent performer with Do Jump! Extremely Physical Theater since 1995, having recently returned from a successful three week run on Broadway in New York. Last year she released a CD recording of her compositions, "OPENINGS," which features Viriditas, a women's vocal chamber ensemble she founded and directs. "OPENINGS" will be available in the lobby after tonight's performance.

AURORA'S NEXT SEASON

WINTER CONCERT
DECEMBER 17, 2000

Aurora Chorus continues her tradition of celebrating the Holiday Season with music for every heart and soul. Join us as we sing in another Solstice, another year, another season of yearning for Light and Love – Peace and Goodwill.

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Beating Heart
Carol Timper, Gwen Porus, Marylyn John and Sarah Easton
Maire Brennan
arranged by Joan Szymko

Shooting Star
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arrangement adapted from The Flirtations

Liebesleider Waltzes
Wie des abends schöne Röte, Op.52 No.4
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Waly, Waly
PREMIERE
Holly Near
traditional Scots ballad
arranged Szymko

Simply Love
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Thou Canst Not Buy Me Love

If You Love Me & No Hole In My Head
Malvina Reynolds
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The Brook Within
PREMIERE
Joan Andrews
poem by Emily Dickenson

Wanting Memories
Ysaye M. Barnwell

It's Bad For Me
Cole Porter
arranged by The Roches

Wild Women Don't Get the Blues
Ida Cox
arranged by Ruth Huber

Alla That's Alright, But
Bernice Johnson Reagon
poem by June Jordan

Lori Flowers

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SINGERS

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SOPRANO 1
Michele Alderson
Eileen Ellis
Christine Hayward
Jennifer Hemmeyer
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Karen Lamson
Jan Lustig
Jo Lyndon
Linda McCann
Victoria Mosse
Sande Mullany
Debbie Pinney
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SOPRANO 2
Jayme Armstrong
Barbara Bonnema
Christine Brown
Patricia Chapman
Carissa Christiansen
Patricia Corrman
Angela Crow
Kaye Exo
Jeanne Hackney
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ALTO 1
Sue Bartlett
Marjorie Burns
Karen Christensen
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Sarah Easton
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Judy Franklin
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Maggie Skenderian
Deborah Smith
Wallis Spell
Marcia VanderSchaaf
Carol Walker
ALTO 2
Joan Andrews
Patricia Ayerza
Ann Becklund
Merlene Delgado
Diane Hartford
Marya Hazjilla
Marilyn John
Deb King
Linda Milone
Jane Moore
Deanne Naylor
Melanie Plaut
Gwen Purus
Melanie Pratt
Sarah Stebbins
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Carol Tingle
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SOPRANO CHORUS: women in harmony for peace

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Guest Artists

STEVE EINHORN
- Playing music all his life from Boston to Portland, Steve fell in love with instruments at an early age and bought a music store when his first son, Eli was born almost 18 years ago. He has seen Artichoke Music through many incarnations over the years preserving it as a place for musicians and seekers alike to come and enjoy playing wooden instruments of all stripes. A folk institution in the neighborhood, Artichoke Music has become an extension of all our kitchens through Steve’s good natured lust to find good homes for good instruments. He has recorded on innumerable recordings including his own “Whole World Round,” “Dancing in the Kitchen” and “Harbour” with wife and collaborator, Kate Power.

KATE POWER
- Originally from the Atlantic states on the east coast, Kate migrated to Portland July 4, 1977. Seeking out the local folk music shop in search of picks and strings and a set of hammers for a hammered dulcimer, she found Artichoke Music two weeks later and adopted the place as her favorite local music store. Longtime recording artist, Kate recorded with the Northwest Irish band “Wildgeese,” her own CD release of “Dancing in the Kitchen,” “Celtic Twilight 3: Lullabies” and “Celtic Planet” on the Hearts O’Space compilations.

Kate and Steve just finished recording their new album “Harbour” with friend and producer Craig Carothers! This long awaited CD was recorded live to capture the intimate, rich harmony that comes to life with soul when they play together.
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