

CHORUS NOTES

SPRING 2003

ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

SATURDAY MAY 17, ST. CECILIA 8:00 P.M.

EARTHBEAT will focus on songs about our connections to land, home and each other.

The concert will feature American songs and composers, as well as songs in Zulu, Welsh, and Hebrew. Represented composers include Ysaye Barnwell, Joan Szymko, Gwyneth Walker, Janika Vandervelde, Holly Near, Enya, Margaret Dryburgh, Mary Goetze, and R.J. Karamapov.

The chorus will premier its commissioned work by Minnesota composer Janika Vandervelde entitled "Earthbeat", with lyrics by Grand Rapids poet Leslie Kohn, with a "meet the composer" reception following the concert.



A native of Wisconsin, **Janika Vandervelde** has written more than 75 works for orchestras, choirs, chamber ensembles, soloists, and the stage. Twice a Bush Artist Fellow and a McKnight Foundation Composer Fellow, she has been honored with the Boulanger Award of the Women's Philharmonic in San Francisco, and has received grants and fellowships from the Minnesota State Arts Board, the Jerome Foundation, ASCAP, and the American Composers Forum. Recent projects include a new work for the Melbourne Chamber Choir in Australia to be premiered in 2004, and the recording of her 45' choral fantasy, *Adventures of the Black Dot*.

We are excited to be joined by frame drummers Pat Hickey, Barb Pitcher, and Amy Oak for this performance.

THE GRAND RAPIDS WOMEN'S CHORUS

Artistic Director
Lori Tennenhouse
Assistant Director
Luann Cayedito
Small Ensemble Director
Martha VanderEyck
Pianist
Jean Gardner
Percussionist
Sue Brown
ASL Interpreter
Lois Van Broekhoven

Sopranos
Luann Cayedito
Nancy Court
Colleen Cusick
Cathy Howe
Wendy Kuenzel Kapolka
Carol Kountz
Martha VanderEyck

Altos
Gabrielle Calkins
Brenda Canales
Donna Clark
Rose Conlin
Linnell S. Crampton
Megan Grimm
Suzanne Stevens
Anne Thompson
Elizabeth Vandezande

Tenors
Cheryl Beatty
Pam Carlson
Paula DeYoung
Sheryl Mase
Nadine Miller
Jennifer Robinson
Janice Scalza
Bettegail Shively

Basses
Sue Brown
Cathajane Galante
Leslie Kohn
Janet Thering
Beth Trembley
Linda Troyer
Connie Winter-Troutwine

NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Yes, it's true! (a dream come true!) The GRWC has been invited to sing on the main stage Saturday night, June 7th at the 29th Annual National Women's Music Festival.

As you can imagine, we are very excited to be asked to perform at the same festival that for almost 30 years has brought women's music alive. The same stage that introduced us to artists like Sweet Honey in the Rock, Holly Near, Chris Williamson and Meg Christian will see the GRWC singing on its risers for the main event!

One of the first choruses to ever appear at this event, the GRWC plans to wow the audience that evening through collaborations with performers such as Crazy, Alix Olson and others. We also plan to perform pieces we have commissioned in our effort to treat the audience to some of the best that choral music has to offer.

This year's festival will be held at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Information and tickets can be purchased at the festival website which you can get to by clicking at the GRWC site or directly at www.wiaonline.org. Hope to see you there!

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NEW APPOINTMENT

The GRWC is thrilled to announce the appointment of Luann Cayedito as Assistant Director. Joining the chorus in September of 1999 as piano accompanist, Luann has continued to offer her artistic talents in ways that has helped shape what we have become. In addition to many years of piano and voice performance on the West coast, Luann has a Master's Degree in World Music and has directed the choral music program for several years in Grandville Middle School. We are very excited to have Luann share her passion and knowledge of music with us, and to give her more opportunities to conduct and help us sound even more beautiful. Congratulations Luann!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we grow and expand our efforts in the community and beyond, we seek assistance with tasks and concerts. Volunteering with the GRWC can be fun, loud(!), and rewarding.

We are growing so fast it seems we need help in almost every area with which we get involved. We need volunteers to help with our concerts and events. We also could really use some help from those with interest, knowledge or experience with grant writing, and fundraising. It seems the tasks with which we need help are endless.

If you can give us some time and are interested, please contact our newly appointed volunteer coordinator, Cathy Huston. A volunteer herself for many years, Cathy is now helping us keep track of the wonderful folks who have indicated they would like to volunteer to help the chorus.

Cathy can be reached at 616-361-6940, via her email address cyclegirl@worldnet.att.net, or via the chorus' email address info@grwc.org.

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-Mission Statement-



The Grand Rapids Women's Chorus is dedicated to singing culturally diverse music that promotes appreciation of women composers and arrangers.

Established for the education, enjoyment and enrichment of its members and its audience, the organization seeks to create and inspire meaningful experience through musical expression.

We welcome your comments, suggestions, compliments, questions, letters and tax deductible donations. Please feel free to contact us.

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