

# Grand River Rainbow Historical Project

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*celebrating the lives and times of rainbow folk in Grand River country*

## *Colours*

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# COLOURS

Issue 1

THE "OFFICIAL" NEWSLETTER OF RAINBOW CHORUS

August, 1996



## EXCITING NEW SEASON PLANNED!!!!!!!

John Tute, Artistic Director, has recently unveiled the programme for the 96-97 season. Increasing its concerts to 3 from this season's 2, Rainbow Chorus will offer concerts which combine the Chorus' formidable talents with those of solo artists. On Saturday, November 16, the Chorus will combine talents with noted vocalist, Kate Friesen. In February, 1997, the Chorus will perform "solo". The theme for this concert will centre around *WINTER* (no need to be thinking of that, just yet!). The final concert of the season, slated to take place in May, 1997, will present music associated with Shakespeare text. In addition to the Chorus' musical performance, Tute hopes to engage the services of local actors who will perform selected readings from Billy's works.

This concert line up is not one to be missed and promises a rewarding experience for both audience and Chorus members alike!

## FIRST REHEARSAL SET!

The first rehearsal for this season will be held on Monday, September 9, 1996 at our usual meeting place, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 9 Mitchell St. Guelph. The rehearsal will begin at 8 pm. SEE YOU THERE!

## FINANCIAL PICTURE FOR 96-97 SEASON.

At a recent meeting to discuss the upcoming season, the Board of Directors spent much of their time discussing the budget. Most of the Chorus' expenses centre around the salary paid to the Artistic Director and for the purchase of music. The Board of Directors voted to accept John's



request that his salary be brought up to a level which is more in line with what other Artistic Directors are receiving as remuneration. We are indeed very fortunate to have John working with us and are pleased to be able to maintain our association with him for the upcoming season. The Board also voted to approve, and is pleased to announce that, for the first time, the Chorus will be giving our accompanist, Douglas Brownlee an honorarium for his services. Douglas has graciously provided his services free of charge during this past season.



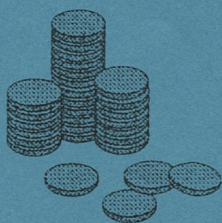
## NEW BOARD MEMBER WELCOMED!

The Board of Directors is happy (and somewhat relieved!) to welcome Dave Vervoort as a new member. Dave will be dealing primarily with fund raising and promotion. If you have any ideas about either of those areas, pass them on to Dave. WELCOME Dave and thanks for helping out!



## BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

It may be a little early to be thinking about this (probably not). The Annual General Meeting will take place in January, 1997. At that meeting there will be some changes in membership of the Board. Two members are finishing their terms (Les and Glenn) so they will need to be replaced. If you are interested in becoming more involved than you already are, you need not wait until the AGM to voted in as a new Board member. The constitution allows the Directors to appoint new Board members throughout the year as needed. If you are interested, let us know! WE NEED YOU!



## DUES, DUES, DUES

Because RAINBOW CHORUS is in a rapid growth phase at this time, there is some imbalance between income and expenses. We are still in the process of obtaining a registered charity number and are unlikely to attract donors if receipts for income tax purposes cannot be issued. In addition, because we are relatively new, we have not, as yet, been able to enter into larger scale fund raising endeavours. Soooooo.....we are entering into this season on a financial tight-

rope. We have just enough to cover music purchase, John's salary and Douglas' honorarium. When we were determining how the budget would look for this year, we made our calculations based on increasing the dues to \$50 per term. This was the only way we could meet our projected expenses with guaranteed money (as opposed to projected money that we might raise from a concert or from a fund raising event).

We realize that this is a substantial financial contribution. Our goal is to enter into some serious fund raising this year and use those funds to reduce the financial commitment of the choir members.

This still only amounts to about \$3.50/rehearsal for the fall season. Where else can you get 2 hours worth of that kind of fun for \$3.50?? (If you know, Ray wants to know!).

Please see Les as soon as possible with your dues for this season. We need to have all of our dues collected by the end of September. Our preference is to receive your dues as a lump sum. If you prefer other arrangements, these can be made on an individual basis in consultation with Les.



## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!

If you know of anyone who might be interested in singing with us, please let them know about our first rehearsal.

## SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

