

30th Anniversary Concert Fourney

Friday, April 26 at 7:30pm Sunday, April 28 at 3pm Calvary Episcopal Church 821 S 4th St, Louisville, KY 40203





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Beth Blouin Rutkowski, Narrator Barbara J. Martin, Interpreter

COURAGE

Creep

Radiohead Arr. Matthew J. Olson

I Come from Good People Robert Seeley Philip Littell Russ Dunlap, Michael Purintun, David Jones, Scott Medley, Tami McGowen, Peggy Wills, Mary Ellen Gafford

Home

Charlie Smalls Arr. A. Beck and M. Spresser Kevin Kouba, conductor VOK Artistic Director, 1996

I am but a Small Voice

mall Voice Odina E. Batnag Arr. Roger Whitaker Steph Callen & Octa Kellond Michael Hayden, Conductor VOK Artistic Director, 2002-2005 (GALA 2008)

Let the River Run

n Carly Simon Arr. Craig Hella Johnson Max Neblett, Percussion

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HOPE

Both Sides Now

Old Friends

Joni Mitchell Arr. Tim Brent Paul Simon Arr. Fred Sturm

Inner Voices

Over the Rainbow

H. Arlen and E. Y. Harburg Arr. Russ Robinson

"Sheltering" from Those Moments TJ Cole A. Rubino and TJ Cole

What the World Needs Now Burt Bacharach

Burt Bacharach Hal David Arr. Roger Emerson

·INTERMISSION·

JOY

The Way You Look Tonight

Jerome Kern Dorothy Fields Arr. Kirby Shaw

Inner Voices

What I did for Love

Marvin Hamlisch Edward Kleban Arr. Anita Kerr





I Love You/ Arr. Craig Hella Johnson What a Wonderful World Sarah Moses, Michael Purintun, Bern Dee, Chad Reischl, Cordell Fulkerson, Brian Beck

Always look on the Bright Side

Eric Idle Arr. Mac Huff

Lindsay Gilbert, Kelsey Eilers Lynn, Kim McGowen, Thomas Farless, Jared Wiley, Matthew Neal, Brandon Harwood, Brodie Gress

VIGILENCE

Never Ever

Robert Seeley Philip Littell

Alise Oliver, conductor VOK Artistic Director, 2013-2014

Prayer of the Children

Kurt Bestor Arr. Andrea S. Klouse

Make Them Hear You

Stephen Flaherty Lynn Ahrens Arr. Jeff Funk

Jeff Buhrman, conductor VOK Artistic Director, 2015-2019

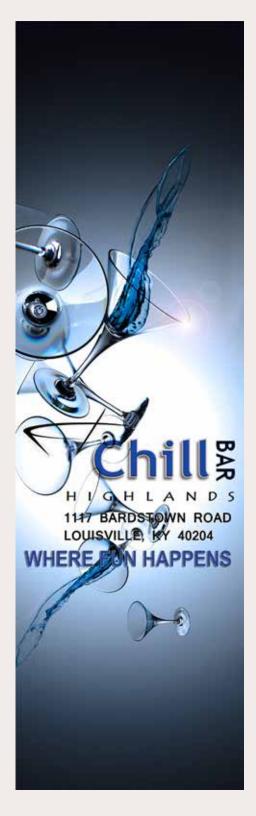
This is Who We Are Mark Burrows Alise Oliver, Mary Spencer, Jenna Goin

If I had a Hammer

Craig Hella Johnson Pete Seeger

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Voices from the Past

Congratulations on 30 years, Voices of Kentuckiana! When we started this journey back in 1993, my friends and I were at a party. We had recently gone to the Lexington Men's Chorus concert, and someone wondered out loud, "Why don't we have a chorus here in Louisville?" To that, I replied, "If we did have a chorus, I'd like it to be SATB."

I had such great relationships with so many members of the LGBTQ community, that I felt we could definitely have a chorus in which it was not just exclusively men or women in our community.

Before I knew it, I was being asked if I could be the director of the whole idea. And, that's all it was: an idea! However, as good ideas go, it took off like wildfire. We needed a venue and Highland Presbyterian Church offered us their choral room and space on Sunday nights to rehearse. Then, the Connection Bar offered us our first performance venue. Our first rehearsal had more than 70 people showing up excited to sing and make our presence known. There are so many people who made this wonderful dream a reality. I know there are still so many people who continue to support our LGBTQ+ community today in making great music and sharing our true agenda of inclusion and acceptance through loving one another-no matter who you are. To that, I'll say again, congratulations on 30 years. May you continue to grow, accept, and nurture true hope through every person who sings, plays, and listens along with you!

-Thomas Stafford, Founding Artistic Director

Heartiest congratulations and heartfelt gratitude to VOICES of Kentuckiana for three decades of creating harmony! Thank you for being an oasis of joy. The memories are so happy that 25 years truly seem like only yesterday. Thank you for creating and sustaining a legacy of building bridges and of saying, "welcome—you belong!" May your singing and your song continue to inspire, uplift, and carry the voices of all. With love and hugs from afar, John (1999-2002)

-Dr. John S. Hollins (he/him/his), BM, MCM, DMA

I am happy to extend my congratulations to you regarding your thirty years of "singing harmony to create harmony" in the Kentuckiana region!

I will forever cherish my years as a singing member, Assistant Artistic Director, and Artistic Director of VoK. My most memorable moment was leading the commission and world premiere of Harry Pickens' *Voices Long Silenced Now Speak*. While we have certainly made progress in our quest for equality, equity, and inclusion, may we continue to be "silent no more."

I wish you all the best in the next thirty years and please know that I am with you in spirit.

-Shaun R. Popp, Ph.D.

I am immensely grateful for my time as the Artistic Director at VOICES of Kentuckiana. Working in such an inclusive and supportive environment, where positive relationships among members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community thrived, was truly inspiring. This experience not only opened doors for my artistic career but also instilled in me the values of inclusivity, persistence, patience and empathy. I am confident that VOICES will continue to flourish, and I wish them the very best in their ongoing growth and success!

-Matthew Butterfield





I am a singer in my soul. I believe in the power and purpose of music, and my experience with VOICES of Kentuckiana was no exception to that power and purpose. It was my great honor to serve as the Artistic and Managing Director for VOICES of Kentuckiana from 2019-2022. In that short time, the VOICES family imprinted my heart in ways I did not know possible. We made music and shared music in new and creative ways as we navigated COVID together. We found unique paths for creating virtual choirs to share light in our community while respecting health and safety protocols. VOICES is a community and a family that provides a safe and loving space for humans to be humans. They lead with love and music, and they actively share light wherever they go. It is a privilege to be a part of this family! Happy 30th Anniversary, VOICES!

-Amanda Boyd



In Memoriam

VOICES honors members and friends of the chorus who have passed away over the last 30 years.

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Dedicated to my loved ones and the healing power of music. Kelly S. Goforth

The Way You Look Tonight

3-13-13, a palindrome. The date that Bette and I got legally married in NYC. It was amazing and brought us great joy! –Patti Echsner

I Am But a Small Voices

No matter how small your voice, sing with the confidence of a tenor...

Look On The Bright Side of Llfe

Sponsored by The Wildwood Valley Chickens: "Bawk-bawk, bawk-bawk-bawk-bawk-bawkbawk!"

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Prayer of the Children

The first time I heard this powerful song, I was moved. I am so grateful that I was able to share it with my mother before her passing. She quite loved the haunting melody and the demand for peace. As a reading specialist and educator, she spent her life advocating for children. More than 20 years later, it is still just as relevant and powerful. Can you hear their prayer? "Who will help me...?" – Michael Purintun

Make Them Hear You

Sponsored by the Bass section

This Is Who We Are

Happy 30th Anniversary to us all. Let the music play on, let our voices soar high, and let the world know - this is who we are! – The Sopranos

If I Had A Hammer

Sponsored by Khoa Nguyen & Andrew Winters

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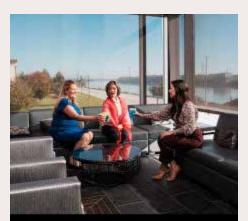


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