

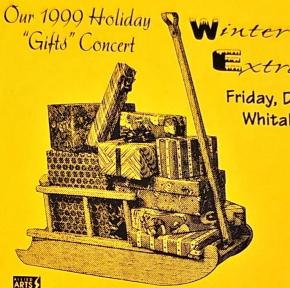


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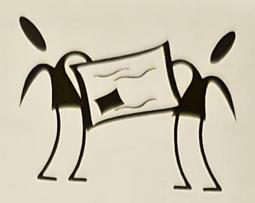
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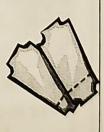
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# Our Artistic Director

Alissa Plant works as the assistant director of an area child care center, directs the Cumberland Singers, and accompanies a contemporary church service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Lebanon. She is a graduate of Messiah College, and she enjoys teaching beginner voice and piano lessons.



## Our Accompanist

teacher. She lives in the mountains and works in the orchards and vineyards of her native Adams County. Since 1974, she has been part of Orrtanna, a traditional music group, where her specialty is early songs and runes of the southern mountain regions. One of the highlights of her musical career was singing with Garrison Keillor when he brought his show to Gettysburg College. She plays mountain dulcimer, autoharp and guitar, as well as piano. She currently teaches English at Dickinson University.

## ~Program~

IT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING
Words and music by Oscar Hammerstein and Richard
Rogers; arranged by Mac Huff

#### **MIRIAM**

Words and music by Laura Berkson; arranged by Joan Szymko, Soloist: Lee Melchior, Violist: Michael Twomey

SET HER FREE
Words and music by Ruth Huber

THE RIVER SLEEPS BENEATH THE SKY
Text by Paul Laurence Dunbar; Music by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

IN REMEMBRANCE
Music by Eleanor Daley; text anonymous

FIVE HAIKU Haiku by Basho; music by Joan Whittemore

THE LESBIAN SECOND DATE MOVING SERVICE Words and music by David Maddux

THE NEARNESS OF YOU
Words by Ned Washington; music by Hoagy Carmichael;
arranged by Mac Huff

#### **TRASH**

Words and music by Gunnar Madsen and Richard Greene Ensemble: Christine Hazel, Donna Bowers, Lee Melchior, Alissa Plant, Lori Moyer, Cheryl Winch

> GONNA GET ALONG WITHOUT YA NOW Words and music by Milton Kellem; arranged by Roger Emerson

# ~Intermission~

A MILLION NIGHTINGALES

Music by Linda Hirschhorn;
words adapted by Mahmoud Darwish

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?
Arranged by Jane R. Fjeldsted

THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE
Traditional Shaker hymn; arranged by Bob Chilcott

SIYAHAMBA South African freedom song

Ah! SI MON MOINE VOULAIT DANSER
French folk song; arranged by Donald Patriquin

SHENANDOAH Arranged by Patricia Hennings

**CARELESS LOVE** 

Arranged by Gwyneth Walker Soloists: Lori Moyer, Donna Bowers

#### **NEVER TURNING BACK**

Soloists: Christine Hazel, Cheryl Winch, Lee Melchior

Sing along with us!

We're gonna keep on walkin' proudly, keep on walkin' proudly, keep on walkin' proudly, never turnin' back, never turnin' back.

We're gonna keep on singing loudly...
We're gonna keep on loving boldly...
We're gonna work for change together...
We're gonna keep on walking proudly...

## Program Notes

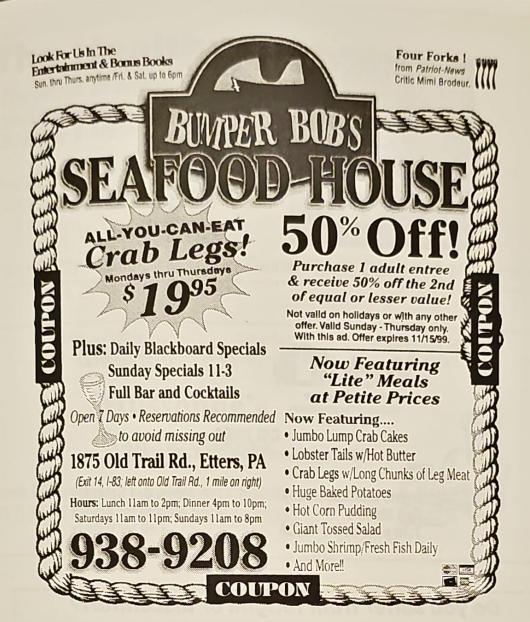
From the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical State Fair, It's A Grand Night For Singing was the singers' first choice to open our evening of singing. Miriam celebrates the courage and resilience of women. Ruth Huber's Set Her Free was written for victims of domestic violence who were serving time in prison as a result of fighting back against their abusers.

Our next three pieces are examples of contemporary choral music written by female composers. The River Sleeps Beneath the Sky was composed for the choirs of Frontier Trail Junior High School by Mary Lynn Lightfoot to the poem "Sunset" by Paul Laurence Dunbar, the first black American writer to achieve an international reputation. In Remembrance is one movement of Eleanor Daley's Requiem, composed for the Elmer Iseler Singers in Ontario, Canada. The piece was awarded the 1994 National Choral Award for Outstanding Choral Composition of the Year by the Association of Canadian Choral Conductors. The set is concluded by Joan Whittemore's Five Haiku, text by Basho (1644-94).

Next, we tell a story of falling in and out of love a little too quickly – a humorous look at lesbian love at first sight, developing a relationship issue or two, and moving on with resilience.

Our folk songs come in varied styles, arranged from the simple canon (round) to the very complex. We found A Million Nightingales in a big thick book of "Songs for the Earth," filled with positive life-affirming music. How Can I Keep From Singing is originally a Southern folk hymn, arranged here by Jane R. Fjeldsted. The Gift to be Simple is a tradition Shaker hymn; this arrangement was for the English chamber ensemble, The King's Singers. Siyahamba is a South African freedom song, and Ah! Si mon moine voulait danser comes from early Quebec. It tells a fanciful children's story of a monk donning a hat (capuchon), belt (ceinturon), rosary (chapelet) and frock (froc) to dance. Shenandoah is a traditional American folk song, as is Careless Love. Gwyneth Walker composed this piece as part of a set of American songs for the Bel Canto Chamber Singers in Hanover. New Jersey. Stay tuned for more of Walker's original composition style in our spring concert.

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derful reception and for their loving support.

Please join us downstairs for a reception hosted by the Harrisburg Men's Chorus.



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