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Saturday, May 16, 2020 7:30 PM
Market Square Presbyterian, Harrisburg

Sunday, May 17, 2020 4:00 PM
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SATURDAY, November 23, 2019
Market Square Presbyterian Church
20 S. 2nd Street
Harrisburg, PA
Showtime: 7:30 p.m.
(free parking in Market Street Garage)

SUNDAY, November 24, 2019
Camp Hill Presbyterian Church
101 N. 23rd Street
Camp Hill, PA
Showtime: 4:00 p.m.

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Artistic Director, Founder
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Sunday, November 17, 2019
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November 27—7:00pm

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December 1—3:00pm

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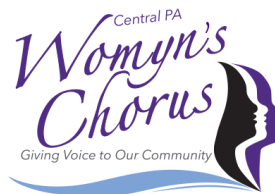
Creche Festival
Dec. 6—1-7pm; Dec. 7—10am-7pm;
Dec. 8-8am-4pm

Blue Christmas Taize Worship
December 18—7:00 pm

Christmas Cantata
December 22—8:15 & 10:45am

Christmas Eve Worship
Tuesday, December 24
7:00 pm & 11:00 pm

Welcome!



Three years before Ellen Degeneres came out on national television, a band of lesbian and feminist women came together to form the Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus. Their aim was the same as it is today: to give voice to our community. Since then, the Womyn's Chorus has been a place for countless women to each find their own voice, a voice they may have thought was lost.

We remember how lesbians and feminists were perceived in 1994. For some, it was mostly negative, if we were thought of at all. So our mission was two-fold – create beautiful music and, by being ourselves, show who feminist women and lesbians truly are.

The Womyn's Chorus has given our voices for our community, as well. We sang to prevent domestic violence and fight breast cancer and to support survivors, to build bridges with immigrant and refugee women, to help Afghan women and families here at home, to promote Pride and solidarity, and so much more.

I must express my deep gratitude to those who helped make tonight possible: to each singer and their dedication to the music, to Artistic Director Jordan Markham for bringing their voices forth into one beautiful whole (and for playing the piano at the Spaghetti Dinner), to the super-talented Tyler Canonico, our Collaborative Pianist, to our hard-working Board of Directors, and to our very helpful hosts. We also thank you for being here today, marking and making history with us.

The seed was planted by Donna Gomboc, our founding mothers, and Dan Krynak all those years ago. There is no greater sense of accomplishment than to continue with the vision they had, evolving as we must, far into the future. We proudly celebrate where we've been and plan for unmatched live performances in the years ahead. Let's move forward together! To quote one of tonight's songs: how can we keep from singing?!

Cynthia Swanson, President of the Board



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2019 2020



OCT
5

Peter Yardley-Jones

Virtuoso British Organist, Saturday, October 5— 7:30 p.m.

NOV
1

Organ Spooktacular

Thrilling Organ Concert with Comedy, Acting, Dancing, and Light Show, Friday, November 1— 7:30 p.m.

DEC
8

Festival of 9 Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8 — 4:00 p.m.

FEB
7

REVIVAL

Folk-Rock Group from NYC, Friday, February 7 — 7:30 p.m.

MAR
13

Manor Winds

Woodwind Ensemble, Friday, March 13 — 7:30 p.m.

MAY
31

Evensong

Sunday, May 31 — 4:00 p.m.

JUN
12

Nathan Carterette

Award-winning Pianist, Friday, June 12 — 7:30 p.m.

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For more information, contact Tyler Canonico at Canonico@marketsquarechurch.org
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singers non-singers volunteers
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gender identities,
sexual preferences,
spiritual or not

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choral music, diversity and
female empowerment!

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**Founding Singers
(Summer 1994)**
Chris Bilger
Jane Brickley
Diane Corriveau
Jennifer Davis
Jan Frye
Donna Gomboc
Elaine Howe
Ceil Jackson
Gwen Jones
Kathleen Leopold
Mary Murphy
Pat Tibery
Kate Williams
Chris Wise
Wendy Wissack

Fall 1994
Donna Bowers
Andrea Gordon
Wendy Graham
Dixie Schnell
Yvonne Wilson
Cathy Nelson
Janice Myers

Spring 1995
Giesala Collins
Janie Womack
Jan Davis
Susan Leviton
Susan Swope
Shirley Tannenbaum

Fall 1995
Theresa Alberici*
Sarah Hopkins
Lee Melchior
Lillian Morgan
Ellen Roane

Fall 1996
Pam Desch
Joanne Nicholson
Linda Noble

Spring 1997
Brenda Dolinger
Linda Mussoline*

Fall 1998
Cheryl Winch

Spring 1999
Jenny Anderson
Christine Hazel
Carol Mouzon

Fall 2000
Lucy (Twitchell) Glorius*

CPWC Singers Listed By First Concert

Spring 2001
Peg E. Monley
Beth L. Stone
Florence Tarbox March*
Virginia DeChristopher

Fall 2001
Kay Baldwin
Amy Shestack

Spring 2002
Suzanne Noll
Kim Hair

Fall 2002
Erin Gibson
Tesia Koser
Vivian Koser
Julie Lowrey
Tiffany Wright

Spring 2003
Liv Messner

Spring 2004
Pat Ashton
Laura Dalton*
Cathy Hinman

Fall 2004
Anna (Conway) Hykes*
Chris Chew
Kimberley Koester
Lorraine Hennessy
Arleen Shulman*

Spring 2005
Catherine Erne
Linda Longenecker

Fall 2005
Yvonne Rothstein

Spring 2006
Darla Henry*
Sandy Boothe*

Fall 2006
Patty Stetler
Kim Hollich
Laury McIntyre*
Alissa Plant
Beth Kopicki

Fall 2007
Jennie Jones
Stacy Jones
Jessica Seminara

Spring 2008
Shelley Helsel
Bonnie Turner
Kristen Williams

Fall 2008
Nora Carreras
Cheryl Huber*

Spring 2009
Rachel Neff
Pam Smith
Kelly McEntee

Fall 2009
Tiffany Timm
Katie Farris
Caitlin Gallagher

Spring 2010
Deb Glorius*

Winter/Spring 2011
Hannah Abelbeck
Chris Finnegan*
Rima Bowser*

Fall 2011
Emily Hamilton-Honey
Kaitlyn Allen
Sharon Spears

Fall 2012
Jennifer Toellner*

Spring 2013
Pam Johnson

Fall 2013
Chris Bowers-Paris

Spring 2014
Susan Hench

Fall 2014
Suzanne Dettinger
Kayla Stouffer
Terri Saar
Stephanie Long*

Spring 2015
Adele Johansson*

Fall 2015
Marie Mortimer
Kate (Harmer) Moyer
Moe (Grumbine) Rock*
Susan Fairo

Spring 2016
Melissa Harrison
Kathy Dupin
Meghan Rhoads

Fall 2016
Laura Edinger*
Sarah Benoit
Mary Jane Nelson*
Luanne Stubbs*
Hava Pell
Carol Yorkiewitz
Bonnie West

Spring 2017
Laura Shemick*

Fall 2017
Tess Jenkins
Katie Bingham
Angie Lambert
Stepf Diaz
Melanie Kesler*
Genni Piatt*
Dani Bryan*

Spring 2018
Lindsay Hutchinson
Cheryl Zweitzig-Snook*
Samantha Patrick

Fall 2018
Charlene Bojalad*
Erin Eckert*
Marsha Banks
Kate Vanier*
Andrea Dundore
Ruthann Rusnock*
Olivia Schaffer
Emily King
Ollie Silver*
Dani Stoe*

Spring 2019
Linda Carroll
Phyllis Smith*
Bridget Csongradi*
Lucinda Glinn*

Fall 2019
Lois Voight*
Wendy Roberson*
Sarah Pinter*
Jen Dulack*
Missy Hunsberger*
Wendi Wright*

Program

Years in parentheses indicate when the song was first performed by CPWC

**How Can I Keep From Singing? (2003) Robert Wadsworth Lowry
Arr. Karen P. Thomas**

Sponsored by Kate Vanier

A familiar Christian hymn first published in 1868,
this arrangement is new to the Chorus.

Ensemble: Erin Eckert, Laura Dalton, Laura Edinger, Katie Knorr,
Genni Piatt, Linda Mussoline, Ollie Silver, Kate Vanier

Leaping Lesbians (1996) Sue Fink and Joelyn Grippo

Sponsored by Laura Edinger

Written in 1977, this song is a classic of the Women's Music
Movement, music written by women, for women and about women. Try
queermusicheritage.com/women.html to learn and hear more.

**1000 Grandmothers (2003) Holly Near
Arr. J. David Moore**

**I Ain't Afraid (2006) Holly Near
Arr. J. David Moore**

*Sponsored Anonymously. "And what is required of you? To act justly, love
mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8*

Ode to CPWC by Florence March

**Driven Women (2006) Florence Tarbox/March
Sponsored by Cynthia Swanson**

**Bring Me Little Water, Silvy (2017) Huddie Ledbetter
Arr. Moira Smiley**

Sponsored by Arleen Shulman

Clappers: Theresa Alberici, Laura Dalton, Cheryl Huber, Melanie Kesler,
Sarah Pinter, Moe Rock, Arleen Shulman, Phyllis Smith

**Niska Banja (2004) Serbian Dance
Arr. Nick Page**

Ensemble: Erin Eckert, Theresa Alberici, Sarah Pinter

**Brave (2014) Sara Bareilles and Jack Antonoff
Arr. Audrey Snyder**

From Aunt Cindy: Speak your truth Katelyn, the future is yours.

Soloist: Deb Glorius

Incorporators (1994)

Rose Samuel, Jan Frye, Russ Akers

Artistic Directors (chronological)

Jane E'Del
Margi Pietsch
Tom Tiehl
Alissa Plant
Dan Krynak
Giesala Collins
Susanna Faust
Dan Krynak
Cheryl Huber
Victor Fields
Jordan R. Markham *

Accompanists (alphabetical)

Tyler Canonico*
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Kimm Cooper
Arlo Ehly
Anthony Haubert
Dawn Grib
Dan Krynak
Jordan Markham
Margi Pietsch
Catherine Roth
Scott Siciliano
Arthur Thompson
Carl Vandling

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Susan Swope
Donna Bowers
Lucy (Twitchell) Glorius
Amy (Shestak) Lowery
Cindy Mitzel
Cathy Nelson
Cynthia Swanson*

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Joe Weale
Kate Williams
Cheryl Winch
Marsha Wood

O Frondens Virga Hildegard von Bingen
Arr. by Drew Collins

Sponsored by Adele Johansson

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) was an abbess, prolific writer in many fields, composer and philosopher. Notably, she wrote the world's first morality play (with music), where all the characters were played by women, except the Devil. She was declared a saint in 2012. The arranger has adapted Hildegard's original chant.

Song of the Universal (2016) Words by Walt Whitman
Music by Ola Gjeilo

Sponsored by Deb and Lucy Glorius

"Sing me a song no poet yet has chanted; sing me a song of the universal."

I Love You/What a Wonderful World (2016) Larry Norman
and Randy Stonehill / George David Weiss and Bob Thiele
Arr. by Craig Hella Johnson

Sponsored by Julie Metzger

Soloists: Ollie Silver, Luann Stubbs

Ensemble: Laura Dalton, Erin Eckert, Laura Edinger, Katie Knorr,
Linda Mussoline, Genni Piatt, Ollie Silver, Kate Vanier

Bellas Finals Arr. by Ed Boyer, Ben Bram and Deke Sharon
Soloists: Laura Edinger, Melanie Kesler, Katie Knorr, Genni Piatt

Always Keep This Close Music by Zachary J. Moore
Words by Colleen Carhuff

Sponsored by Chris Finnegan

The song was written by a member of a chorus to her chorus, who said about her experience, "You do more than music here."

Music In My Mother's House (1995) Zachary J. Moore
Sponsored by Mary Jane Nelson

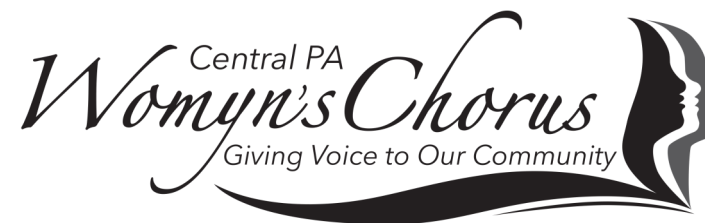
and also by Darla Henry; To my mother who always had music in our house.



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May 17, 18, 19, 2019	We Rise Again with PAIRWN
Nov. 17 & 18, 2018	The Road Home
May 19 & 20, 2018	Animated Women
Nov. 18 & 19, 2017	Keep On Moving Forward
June 3 & 4, 2017	Down by the Riverside
Nov. 19 , 20, and Dec. 4, 2016	Calling All Directions
May 21 & 22, 2016	Plant a Tree of Peace
Nov. 21 & 22, 2015	Fall in Love
May 30, 2015	Coming of Age – 21 st Anniversary
Nov. 22 & 23, 2014	Pop Rocks – Divine Divas and Their Music
May 31 & June 1, 2014	SHE-Bop, the Beat Goes On
November 16, 2013	I Ain't Afraid
June 1 & 2, 2013	Babes on Broadway, the Sequel!
Dec, 1, 2012	Around the World in Song
June 2, 2012	Summer Fun, Food, and Folk - featuring Tret Fure
February 2012	Colors of our Lives (Joint Concert with Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus)
June 4, 2011	Babes on Broadway
Jan. 9, 2011	Driven Women
May 22, 2010	American Quilt
Jan. 31, 2009	Music for a Midwinter's Night with Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus
Dec. 5, 2009	A Winter's Walk
June 6 & 7, 2009	Healing Song with 3.12
Dec. 13 & 14, 2008	God Bless This Family
June 8, 2008	Cover the World with Love
Nov. 10, 2007	Holy Cow! We Can't Stop Singing!
May 5, 2007	Land of Our Dreams with PAIRWN
May 6, 2006	WomanSpirit
Nov. 18, 2006	Sisters & Songwriters with Janie Womack and Bobbi Carmitchell
Nov. 12, 2005	All That Jazz
April 23 & May 14, 2005	Voices of Women
December 4, 2004	Reunion! Tenth Anniversary
Feb/March 2004	With Love From Us to You
May 10, 2003	Music in Our Mother's House
Nov. 23, 2002	Wintersong
April 27 & May 4, 2002	Singing for Our Lives – Benefit for PA Breast Cancer Coalition
December 1, 2001	Wild Women Just Get Better
June 9, 2001	This Land is Our Land with Harrisburg Men's Chorus
Nov, 12, 1999	How Can I Keep From Singing?
Spring 1999	A Feast for the Ears
Fall 1998	Celebration!
April 25, 1998	Boys and Girls with Stories with men's chorus
Fall 1997	Wild Women Don't Get the Blues
Spring 1997	Music Music Music!
Fall 1996	Silent No More
Fall 1995	Autumn Fires -Our First Full Length Concert
Spring 1995	Spring 1995 Concert with the Harrisburg Men's Chorus



Artistic Director: Jordan R. Markham
Collaborative Pianist: Tyler A. Canonico

THE SINGERS

SOPRANO I

Theresa Alberici
 Charlene Bojalad
 Laura Dalton*
 Erin Eckert
 Lucy Glorius
 Darla Henry
 Anna Hykes
 Laura Shemick
 Phyllis Smith
 Wendy Roberson
 Wendi Wright

SOPRANO II

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 community involvement.

Musicians



Jordan R. Markham, Artistic Director, studied at The Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University. He is a classically-trained singer, having studied under Grammy-winning baritone William Sharp and soprano Susan Solomon Beckley of Bucknell University. He was a chorister at The National Cathedral and a chorister and soloist in The Handel Choir of Baltimore. Throughout the past decade, Jordan has performed with The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, as well as at Carnegie Hall, the Boston Symphony Hall, and the Jackie Gleason Theatre. He has been active in the musical scene for the past decade directing, accompanying, and acting in theaters throughout Pennsylvania and Maryland. He is currently serving as Director of Music Ministries at Wesley United Methodist Church of Bloomsburg.

Tyler A. Canonico, Collaborative Pianist, “one of east coast’s finest young concert organists and inspiring church musicians,” is Minister of Music and Organist at Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg. In addition to his work, he is the organist for the Harrisburg Symphony, is a co-founding member of Allegro con Fuoco, and is the Sub Dean for the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. His education includes a Master of Music in organ performance from the University of Alabama and a Bachelor of Arts in organ performance and sacred music from Lebanon Valley College.



Renee Bartholomew, percussionist, has played with many area bands. She has joined CPWC in their concerts for more than 20 years.

String Ensemble

Lindsey Bell, Ali Koch, Kellen Mikesell, Katie Molloy, Cassia Renno, Allen Roth, Hannan So

Special Guest (Saturday) Lancaster County native **Bobbi Carmitchell** has been a strong presence in the Central Pennsylvania music scene, as well as on a national level. Bobbi also organizes events to gather the community. Our 2006 concert, *Sisters and Songwriters*, featured Bobbi and fellow Central PA folksinger (and former CPWC singer) Janie Womack.



“Get your rainbow on” at the Pride Festival 2019.

Our commitment to community activities continued in our past decade, including Voices United and other Pride events, Lavender graduation at PennState, Sharing Our Caring at MCC, and the Diversity Luncheon for immigrant and refugee women.



Each June at MCC, CPWC sponsors a dinner for people affected by HIV/AIDS.



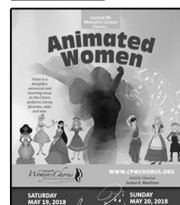
In 2017, Gov. Tom Wolf held a reception to honor about 100 individuals who have or currently play vital roles in the life of the LGBT+ community throughout PA. CPWC and the Harrisburg Gay Men’s Chorus provided the entertainment.

And the fundraising goes on -- our fabulous Pancake Breakfast and Spaghetti Dinner, working at the dog show and Farm Show concessions.



2017 - Down By the Riverside

We launched our new logo in 2017.



2018 - CPWC sings Disney



In 2019, the Chorus reunited with the PA Immigrant and Refugee Women’s Network, focusing on the successes of these women in America.



Six women told their stories interspersed with our music at the concert We Rise Again.



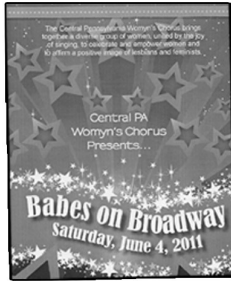
We’re ready for the next 25 years.



Thanks to Susan Swope, Lucy Glorius, Laury McIntyre and Linda Mussoline for their memories. Thanks to Angela Dicks, Susan Swope, Laura Dalton and many others for the photographs.



2014



2010



2011



2014



Whether our numbers were large or small ...
whether our concert themes were
light-hearted or serious...



2013 - Babes on Broadway: The Sequel

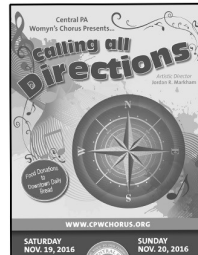


2015 - Coming of Age



2014 - She-Bop, The Beat Goes On

we always sang
with joy and pride
and with confidence
in the power of
our music.



2016 - Calling All Directions



Singing the Banner in 2016



In 2016, the Chorus made its second appearance at the GALA Festival, appearing in Denver before an audience of 2,000 and earning six standing ovations. The Festival is held every four years. We'll be singing at the Festival in Minneapolis in July 2020.



**As a Reconciling Congregation, our hearts,
minds and doors are open, and we are
blessed by your presence.**

Christmas Music Service

Sunday, December 15, 2019

by Chancel Choir & Instrumental Accompaniment

Cedar Cliff High School Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 2:00pm

Pizza & Pipes

Friday, December 20, 2019 11:00am-2:00pm

with Dan Stokes

The Rocky Road to Christmas

Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 6:00pm

with Rev. D. Wayne Bender

For those who feel estranged or left out from the general feeling of joy and happiness during this season, personal loss, death of a loved one, illness or family exclusion.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 11:00pm

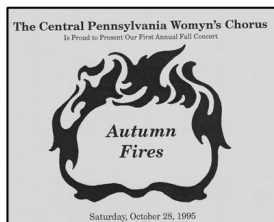
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Twenty-five years and still singing...

Once upon a time...a woman attended the 1993 Gay Pride Festival and heard the Harrisburg Men's Chorus sing. She was so inspired, she asked to join. Instead, leaders helped her start a women's chorus. A year later in 1994, the Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus debuted at Pride. In 1995, the Chorus performed several times including two full-length concerts.

Founding mother
Donna Gomboc



Autumn Fires,
CPWC's first
full concert,
included "Music
in My Mother's
House."

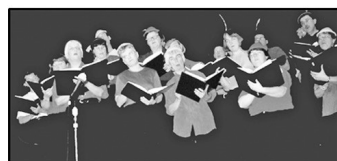


In 1997, Chorus member Susan Swope commissioned a work with words by her partner and chorus member, Shirley Tannenbaum. It was premiered at our fall 1997 concert, *Wild Women Don't Get the Blues* and at GALA 2004.

Susan
and
Shirley



1998

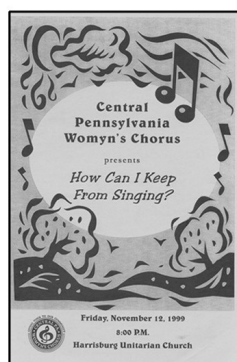


Boys and Girls With Stories



1998

In 1998, after several times being guests of the Harrisburg Men's Chorus, the men now appeared as a guest of the Womyn's Chorus at their spring 1998 concert.



Then, as now, we could only keep singing with the help of many people, building scenery, making costumes, cleaning up, and working at fundraisers.



CPWC, HMC, Director Dan Krynak and Judy Collins

In 2000, the Harrisburg Men's Chorus invited CPWC to join them in backing up folk singer Judy Collins in a Whitaker Center performance.



2001



2002

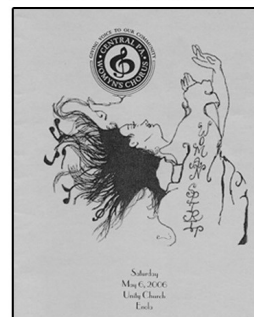


2004

Linda's shirt reminds us how to get to Carnegie Hall (practice, practice, practice).

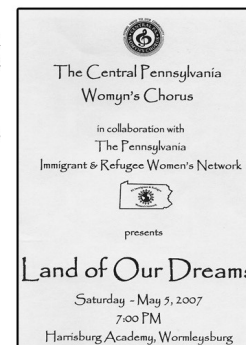


Chorus members sang at the GALA Choruses Festival in Montreal, Canada in July 2004. As a result, the Chorus was invited to participate in a mass chorus at Carnegie Hall in 2004.



In 2006, the Chorus was asked to leave their rehearsal church; board members implied that gay people could not be religious! This inspired new artistic director Giesala Collins to develop the *Woman Spirit* concert, which the chorus also took to the 2006 Sister Singers Festival in San Diego.

Our 2007 concert, in collaboration with the PA Immigrant and Refugee Women's Network (PAIRWN), gave immigrant women a chance to tell their stories.



The Chorus sang for Christmas at the Governor's Residence in 2008. Gov. Rendell posed with us; his wife, a former opera singer, was also in the audience.



The chorus marched in 2010 in the parade for the Pride Festival of Central PA.

In addition to our concerts, the Chorus participated in many other musical activities during its first decade -- Pride festivals, community festivals, women's festivals and conferences, commemorations, and ordinations. Our events and concerts showed our commitment to gay/lesbian and women's issues like domestic violence, breast cancer and AIDS.