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Welcome from the Artistic Director

Welcome to “The Light Fantastic,” RCMC’s holiday show that has become a must-see on the Omaha community’s holiday calendar! Here in the midst of our 33rd season, we celebrate the unifying qualities of the holidays—exploring the concept of ‘light’ and what it represents to multiple faith traditions during this most wonderful time of year. Whether the candles on the menorah or kinara, the festival lights of Diwali, the star that lit the way to the manger for the wisemen, or the morning light that greets the new year on solstice, images of light are central to most faiths and help to illuminate how alike we all are. Through this common imagery, the chorus hopes to musically depict that there is so much that people have in common, and that we can find ways to come together at this important time of year for so many people.



This concert has some of everything, including classical works of art and twists on traditional favorites, to celebrate the diversity of experiences during the season. Exploring Christmas, Kwanzaa, Chanukah, and Solstice, there is something for everyone!

The rest of our 2016-2017 season is also groundbreaking for our group. Please plan to join us for our third performance at the Holland Performing Arts Center in Omaha in June, *Measure of a Life*, featuring the Heartland premiere of “Tyler’s Suite,” a nine-movement choral piece celebrating the life of Tyler Clementi, who tragically committed suicide following an incident of cyber-bullying. We also are thrilled to announce our debut collaboration with the Omaha Symphony in May for *The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein* as well as our debut collaboration in April with Omaha Performing Arts for the *It Gets Better* tour of the LA Gay Men’s Chorus. Please check our website, www.rcmc.org, for information on all of these fantastic concerts. We are so proud to represent Nebraska as one of the oldest mixed GLBT choruses in the country, and we are excited to continue to provide quality choral performances for the greater Omaha community and beyond.

As we look forward to the next 33 years of this ensemble and their passion for the community and for being a strong musical voice in it, I hope you’ll consider helping us as we continue with our mission. No matter your talents, there is a spot for you in our organization: whether as a singer (please join us at auditions in January!), volunteer, organizer, donor, or patron, all you have to do is email us through our website. You won’t regret becoming a part of the River City Mixed Chorus family—I know I haven’t.

A. Barron Breland



River City Mixed Chorus

**Creating exceptional musical experiences to support diversity,
inspire change, and empower communities.**

Welcome from the Board of Directors' Chair



The River City Mixed Chorus turned 32 in 2016, and we've celebrated with a fantastic year of growth and expansion focused on enhanced visibility and impact. Through leadership, advocacy and an increased community presence we continue to expand our reach in meeting our mission of creating exceptional musical experiences to support diversity, inspire change, and empower communities. This has also been a year in which our funding initiatives have seen incredible expansion. RCMC now has an Endowment Fund that, through increased partnerships and focused donor retention initiatives, has a balance surpassing our goal 3 times over. The Board of Directors is excited to be setting RCMC on a financially sustainable course, ensuring that Omaha's favorite GLBT Chorus has a long and bright future ahead.

As the Holiday season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped shape this organization in significant ways. The generous support of our donors is affording us more performance opportunities in 2017 than ever before and we couldn't be more grateful for their goodwill throughout the year. We are committed to continue increasing the ways in which we inspire, engage, and entertain the greater Omaha community through the power of music and we invite each of you to be a part of this journey. To learn more about what we have in store for 2017 and how your gift helps us continue our ever important mission, visit us at www.rcmc.org.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the River City Mixed Chorus, we wish you and yours the Happiest of Holidays filled with Peace, Love and Light!

Julie Heacock

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Welcome from the Chorus President

Thank you for coming to our performance today! We've been working diligently the past several months to bring you the best holiday performance we can, and I think you'll be pleased with our results.



The winter holiday season is filled with so many activities, both of things that we'd like to do and things that we're hurriedly trying to get done. "Hustle and bustle" surely seems an inadequate description when we think of all that is going on as the year comes to an end. We, the members of the River City Mixed Chorus, are honored and appreciative that you've chosen to take time out of your busy schedule to be with us today. It is truly our privilege to share our voices and love of this special season with you.

This year has been a truly magical one for me personally. In early June, I was elected by our members to be the new Chorus President (after only joining the chorus a year before). This new role has led to my getting to know so many more chorus members than before, and that has been a gift that has truly kept on giving the past six months. In late June, one week after performing in our Summer concert, my now-husband and I were married. And this week, he and I celebrate 20 years together (hey, I had to be "sure"). I've been very blessed and truly feel that I've extended my family with everyone that I've gotten to know this year. And, I think I'm even adjusting to this thing you Midwesterners call "Winter" (as a recent transplant from Arizona).

I hope that your holiday season is truly magical as well and all that you wish it to be! Thanks for supporting us and being the beaming, smiling faces we see as we sing from the stage. You are all truly our "Light Fantastic"!

Mike Loven-Crum

A holiday-themed graphic with a wooden plank background. It features a large red star on the left, white snowflakes, and white stars scattered throughout. The text is centered and reads: "NICE NAUGHTY" with red checkmarks to the left of each word, "Come as you are...", "ALL ARE WELCOME!", and the church's name and website. At the bottom, there is a red banner with white text for services.

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A. Barron Breland, DM

Artistic Director



A. Barron Breland joined the River City Mixed Chorus as Artistic Director in January, 2011. With degrees in Music Theory and Choral Conducting from the University of Georgia and Indiana University, Breland has a diverse background in many different fields of music, including the piano and saxophone. Singing from the age of 6, Breland's first exposure to professional choral music was in 1990 as a member of the Atlanta Boy Choir where he performed with Robert Shaw and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, as well as in tours and festivals throughout Europe.

Breland has emerged as one of a new talented generation of conductors, set apart from others by his eclectic interests and skills equipped to perform music from masterworks of the Baroque and Classic eras to great contemporary works of art, including repertoire in various popular styles. Breland completed his doctorate in choral conducting at the Jacobs School of Music at IU in 2009, where he has been a member of the choral conducting faculty, preparing the University Singers for a performance with Dale Warland in 2008, and giving over 12 performances as guest conductor of the 120-member Grammy-nominated Singing Hoosiers.

Currently Breland is on faculty at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, as Chair of the Fine and Performing Arts Department, conducting the Chamber Choir and teaching classes in music theory. In his tenure at Creighton, the Chamber Choir has performed at NMEA and ACDA conferences and they are performing the core repertoire of the virtuoso chamber ensemble. Breland is in demand as a clinician and adjudicator and was named Nebraska Choral Directors Association's Outstanding Young Choral Director of 2012.

Adam Witte

Assistant Artistic Director

The newest addition to the artistic staff, Adam assumed the role of Assistant Artistic Director in August 2016 after having become a singing member of the group for the first time in August 2015. Adam also serves as the Director of River's Edge, RCMC's small ensemble. His musical experiences have been diverse and wide-ranging, from playing euphonium solos across Europe with the University of Nebraska-Omaha Symphonic Wind Ensemble, to singing acapella vocal jazz with NEXus, to playing keyboards with local band The Confidentials. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with an emphasis in euphonium.



Though his musical adventures have ranged far afield, vocal music has played a big role in Adam's journey. He has always been involved in church music, from singing in the choir to playing piano and handbells; most recently, he served as Director of Music Ministries at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Omaha for seven and a half years. Now he has taken a day job in data entry at an insurance company to support his musical pursuits; in addition to his engagements with River City Mixed Chorus and NEXus, he is a singing member of Résonance.

Keith Hart

Collaborative Pianist

Keith has been playing the piano his entire life. Keith loves accompanying and has played for a wide range of soloists, ensembles, and choirs over the years. He holds a Bachelor's degree in music education with an emphasis in piano from Northwest Missouri State University, and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Once a public school music teacher, Keith eventually turned his attention to the world of theatre and has worked as pianist, musical director, and scenic designer for numerous theatrical productions at various Omaha area theaters, including SNAP, Shelterbelt, Bellevue Little Theatre, Chanticleer, Stages of Omaha, and the Omaha Playhouse. Before coming to Omaha he worked on productions at Starlight Theatre, Quality Hill Playhouse, and the Unicorn Theatre in Kansas City. In addition, Keith has also been a church musician most of his life. Keith joined the staff of RCMC as collaborative pianist in August 2015. In recent years Keith has worked in arts administration, formerly at Arts in Motion, and at present is the Managing Director at the Bluebarn Theatre in Omaha.



Patrick Roddy

Choreographer

Patrick is happy to be designing the choreography for the River City Mixed Chorus! His work has also been seen at SNAP! Productions, the Shelterbelt Theatre, BroadStreet Productions, the Ak-Sar-Ben Coronation, the Omaha Community Playhouse, the Nebraska Theatre Caravan and Creighton University, where he is Dance Coordinator.

Stephanie Vik

Sign Language Interpreter

Stephanie received her A.A.S degree in 2004 from Iowa Western Community College where she was a student in the Interpreter Training Program. Upon graduation, she began working at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She has worked as a sign language interpreter at UNO for twelve years, the last ten as the Interpreter Coordinator in the Accessibility Services Center. Stephanie has also interpreted numerous plays at The Rose Theatre, with *The Sound of Music* listed as her favorite.



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More details and reservation information will be available after January 1, 2017. Watch the RCMC Facebook page and your email for announcements about the **Valentine's Day Serenade!**

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Lyrics by Dorothy Winbush Riley

Light the Lights

Music by Andy Beck and Brian Fisher
Lyrics by Andy Beck

Robin Sheldrake, *mezzo-soprano*
Riley Miller, *tenor*

Winter Song

Music and Lyrics by Sara Bareilles and Ingrid Michaelson
Arranged by Mac Huff

Evening in December

Music by Victor C. Johnson
Lyrics by John Parker

Candlelight Carol

Music and Lyrics by John Rutter

The Christmas Star

Music and Lyrics by Kimmie Rhodes and Kevin Savigar
Valerie Haynes, *soprano*
Joyce McVicker, *mezzo-soprano*
Kimberly Pearce, *soprano*

O Lux Beatissima*

Music by Howard Helvey
Lyrics from the Whitsuntide sequence *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

O Nata Lux*

Music by Guy Forbes

O brillante estrella*

Music by Mark Sirett
Lyrics Traditional Puerto Rican

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Light the Legend

Music by Michael Isaacson
Lyrics by Susan Nurenberg

The Chanukah Song (We Are Lights)

Music by Stephen Schwartz
Lyrics by Steve Young
Arranged by Mac Huff

Rebecca Ahlers, *mezzo-soprano*
Bryan Crawford, *tenor*

Silver Bells (from *The Lemon Drop Kid*)

Music and Lyrics by Jay Livingston
and Ray Evans
Arranged by Mac Huff

My Simple Christmas Wish

Music and Lyrics by David Friedman
Donald Brian-Johnson, *baritone*

Christmas Is

Music and Lyrics by Jay Rouse

Candle on the Water (from *Pete's Dragon*)

Music and Lyrics by Al Kasha
and Joel Hirschhorn
Arranged by Ed Lojeski

New Light Shining

Music and Lyrics by Mark Cabaniss,
Pat Luboff, and Pete Luboff
Arranged by Alan Billingsley



The River City Mixed Chorus invites you to join
us for desserts and drinks in The Commons
immediately following the performance.



This concert is made possible, in part, through funding from



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RCMC Singers

Soprano

Jess Baker (3)
 Anne Barker (8)
 Emily Barker (5)
 Alexandra Black (2)
 Telia Colbert (2)
 Beth Davis* (8)
 Sharon Esty (2)
 Cassandra Fife-Havranek (5)
 Maeghan Fry (7)
 Connie Grant-Leanna (6)
 Judith Hancock (31)
 Valerie Haynes (12)
 Julie Heacock* (10)
 Kerrin Hoyer* (14)
 Micaela Hoyer (10)
 Cameron Koenig (8)
 Bridget Lachowsky (2)
 Jillian McCall (8)
 Jessica Melo (13)
 Crystal Luedders (14)
 Kimberly Pearce (7)
 Sara Peterson (9)
 Michele Rosenthal (4)
 Elena Salisbury (2)
 Lynell Stafford (4)
 Suzy Stark (4)
 Heidi Thompson* (4)
 Christina Thornton (7)
 Megan Van Alstine (16)
 Ryan West* (6)
 Gretchen Woods (5)
 Sam Wright (2)

Alto

Rebecca Ahlers (5)
 Wendy Austin (6)
 Dawn M. Baker (2)
 Antonia Bonsera (10)
 Karen Davidson-Fisher (25)
 Cheryl Dixon (1)
 Emily Ertzner (4)
 Laura Finken (15)
 Jody Gernandt (10)
 Vicki Grunwald (18)
 Renae Hinrichs (4)
 Gloria Jensen (16)
 Lisa J. Jones (1)
 Krissa Lee-Regier* (16)
 Laura Leeds (11)
 Victoria Love (2)
 Nick Margritz-Peters* (4)
 Pat Mathews (2)
 Joyce McVicker (11)
 Alyson Meadows (19)
 Nancy Mealey (10)
 Jennifer Olson (4)
 Didi Poitier* (4)
 Carol Ramsey (10)
 Vicki Rushlau (18)

Robin Sheldrake (4)
 Kathleen Smith (3)
 LaRaine Staats* (6)
 Michele Yindrick (13)

Tenor

Matthew Bang (4)
 Sam Barker (4)
 Kelly Bartnick (2)
 Kurt Beckman* (1)
 Bryan Crawford (12)
 Mark Curley* (18)
 Michael Deatz (9)
 Randall Donner* (7)
 Dana Evans (5)
 T. Adam Goos* (5)
 Vic Kiefer (5)
 Mike Loven-Crum (5)
 Duane Lundeen (16)
 Jerry Meis (23)
 Michael Meriwether (7)
 Riley Miller (2)
 Richard Murphy (7)
 Nicholas Nichols* (3)
 Nikolai Shapoval (5)
 Mark Van Kekerix (25)

Travis Wilcox* (24)
 Larry Wilson (29)

Bass

Brian D. Adams (33)
 Dan Adams (21)
 Stan Brown (66)
 Bill Caney (8)
 Andrew Cleveland (4)
 Chris Davis (30)
 Seth Goodman (2)
 Victor Hahn (27)
 Chris Holst (46)
 Donald-Brian Johnson (12)
 Seth McMillan* (3)
 Scott Miller* (21)
 Gene Moore (7)
 Tom Nielsen (30)
 Michael Taylor-Stewart* (18)
 Brett Toay (2)
 Adam Witte (5)
 Brian Wyant (16)
 Peggy Zellner (7)
 Phil Zellner (5)

* Leave of Absence

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River City Mixed Chorus members are proudly wearing lapel pins to signify their years of service to the Chorus. The number in parentheses behind each member's name shows how many concerts a member has sung. Each bar on the pin, represented as a color of the rainbow, indicates the number of concerts as shown below. Members will continue to accrue new bars to add to their pins in the future.



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The Ryan-Knicely Scholarship Fund was created to ensure that there are no financial barriers to being a member of the Chorus for anyone who wishes to sing. Chorus members in need of financial assistance can apply to the Board of Directors for help from the Fund with covering Chorus-related expenses. If you would like to make a donation to the Ryan-Knicely Scholarship Fund, please mail to River City Mixed Chorus, PO Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, or email us at fundraising@rcmc.org.

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The River City Mixed Chorus Endowment Fund was established by the Board of Directors in 2015. Administered by the Omaha Community Foundation, the Endowment Fund is a resource that will help ensure the long-term financial health of the Chorus. The Fund is setup so that the principal is not used, but proceeds from the principal will help fund the annual budget. The balance in the RCMC Endowment Fund is currently \$34,778.82. To contribute to the Endowment Fund with your tax-deductible contribution, please contact fundraising@rcmc.org or (402) 341-SING.

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Translations

Harambee (Call to Unity)

Umoja
Kujichagulia
Ujima
Ujamaa
Nia
Kuumba
Imani
Harambee!

Unity
Self-determination
Collective Work and Responsibility
Cooperative Economics
Purpose
Creativity
Faith

The call to unity and collective work/struggle – to pull together. It is always said in sets of seven to honor and to recall the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

O Lux Beatissima

O lux beatissima,
reple cordis intima
tuorum fidelium.

Sine tuo numine,
nihil est in homine,
nihil est innoxium.

O Light most blessed,
fill the inmost heart
of all thy faithful.

Without your grace,
there is nothing in us,
nothing that is not harmful.

O Nata Lux

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes preces que sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis.
nos membra confer effici,
tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer to all eternity,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.

O brillante estrella

De tierra lejana
Venimos a verte,
Nos sirve de guía
La Estrella de Oriente.

O brillante Estrella
que anuncias la aurora
No nos falte nunca
tu luz bienhechora.

Gloria en las Alturas,
al Hijo de Dios,
Gloria en las Alturas,
la tierra amor.

Al recién nacido
que es Rey de los reyes.
Oro le regalo
para ornar sus sienas.

Como es Dios el Niño
le regalo incienso,
perfume con alma
Que sube hasta el cielo.

From a distant home
we seek the Saviour,
We use to guide us
The Eastern Star.

O beautiful star
that tells us of the dawn
Never cease to shine
Heaven's wondrous light!

Glory in the highest
to God on high
Glory in the highest
And peace on earth.

To the new-born Babe,
glowing gold I bring.
A token of His pow'r
to reign in glory above.

To God's own child
a token of perfume,
I bring frankincense
That rises to heaven.

Al Niño del cielo
que bajó a la tierra,
le regalo mirra
que inspira tristeza.

To the child of heaven
bitter myrrh I have,
as a reflection
Of the pain he will bear.

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All **Committee Chairs** and **Committee Members** who donate their time and talents outside of the normal rehearsal schedule to ensure every aspect of RCMC's mission is achieved.

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Norm Melichar, Steve Kovar, and Deb Melichar for their continued efforts in organizing raffles for RCMC concerts.

Auditions

Have you ever thought about being a part of the River City Mixed Chorus? We would love for you to become a singing member!

Join us **Monday, January 9, 2017 from 6:00-8:30 PM**
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Check our website – www.RCMC.org for time and location.

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