

# CHORUS NOTES

SPRING 2003

## ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

SATURDAY MAY 17, ST. CECILIA 8:00 P.M.

EARTHBEAT will focus on songs about our connections to land, home and each other.

The concert will feature American songs and composers, as well as songs in Zulu, Welsh, and Hebrew. Represented composers include Ysaye Barnwell, Joan Szymko, Gwyneth Walker, Janika Vandervelde, Holly Near, Enya, Margaret Dryburgh, Mary Goetze, and R.J. Karamapov.

The chorus will premier its commissioned work by Minnesota composer Janika Vandervelde entitled "Earthbeat", with lyrics by Grand Rapids poet Leslie Kohn, with a "meet the composer" reception following the concert.



A native of Wisconsin, **Janika Vandervelde** has written more than 75 works for orchestras, choirs, chamber ensembles, soloists, and the stage. Twice a Bush Artist Fellow and a McKnight Foundation Composer Fellow, she has been honored with the Boulanger Award of the Women's Philharmonic in San Francisco, and has received grants and fellowships from the Minnesota State Arts Board, the Jerome Foundation, ASCAP, and the American Composers Forum. Recent projects include a new work for the Melbourne Chamber Choir in Australia to be premiered in 2004, and the recording of her 45' choral fantasy, *Adventures of the Black Dot*.

We are excited to be joined by frame drummers Pat Hickey, Barb Pitcher, and Amy Oak for this performance.

## THE GRAND RAPIDS WOMEN'S CHORUS

Artistic Director  
Lori Tennenhouse  
Assistant Director  
Luann Cayedito  
Small Ensemble Director  
Martha VanderEyck  
Pianist  
Jean Gardner  
Percussionist  
Sue Brown  
ASL Interpreter  
Lois Van Broekhoven

Sopranos  
Luann Cayedito  
Nancy Court  
Colleen Cusick  
Cathy Howe  
Wendy Kuenzel Kapolka  
Carol Kountz  
Martha VanderEyck

Altos  
Gabrielle Calkins  
Brenda Canales  
Donna Clark  
Rose Conlin  
Linnell S. Crampton  
Megan Grimm  
Suzanne Stevens  
Anne Thompson  
Elizabeth Vandezande

Tenors  
Cheryl Beatty  
Pam Carlson  
Paula DeYoung  
Sheryl Mase  
Nadine Miller  
Jennifer Robinson  
Janice Scalza  
Bettegail Shively

Basses  
Sue Brown  
Cathajane Galante  
Leslie Kohn  
Janet Thering  
Beth Trembley  
Linda Troyer  
Connie Winter-Troutwine

## NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Yes, it's true! (a dream come true!) The GRWC has been invited to sing on the main stage Saturday night, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual National Women's Music Festival.

As you can imagine, we are very excited to be asked to perform at the same festival that for almost 30 years has brought women's music alive. The same stage that introduced us to artists like Sweet Honey in the Rock, Holly Near, Chris Williamson and Meg Christian will see the GRWC singing on its risers for the main event!

One of the first choruses to ever appear at this event, the GRWC plans to wow the audience that evening through collaborations with performers such as Crazy, Alix Olson and others. We also plan to perform pieces we have commissioned in our effort to treat the audience to some of the best that choral music has to offer.

This year's festival will be held at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Information and tickets can be purchased at the festival website which you can get to by clicking at the GRWC site or directly at [www.wiaonline.org](http://www.wiaonline.org). Hope to see you there!

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## NEW APPOINTMENT

The GRWC is thrilled to announce the appointment of Luann Cayedito as Assistant Director. Joining the chorus in September of 1999 as piano accompanist, Luann has continued to offer her artistic talents in ways that has helped shape what we have become. In addition to many years of piano and voice performance on the West coast, Luann has a Master's Degree in World Music and has directed the choral music program for several years in Grandville Middle School. We are very excited to have Luann share her passion and knowledge of music with us, and to give her more opportunities to conduct and help us sound even more beautiful. Congratulations Luann!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we grow and expand our efforts in the community and beyond, we seek assistance with tasks and concerts. Volunteering with the GRWC can be fun, loud(!), and rewarding.

We are growing so fast it seems we need help in almost every area with which we get involved. We need volunteers to help with our concerts and events. We also could really use some help from those with interest, knowledge or experience with grant writing, and fundraising. It seems the tasks with which we need help are endless.

If you can give us some time and are interested, please contact our newly appointed volunteer coordinator, Cathy Huston. A volunteer herself for many years, Cathy is now helping us keep track of the wonderful folks who have indicated they would like to volunteer to help the chorus.

Cathy can be reached at 616-361-6940, via her email address [cyclegirl@worldnet.att.net](mailto:cyclegirl@worldnet.att.net), or via the chorus' email address [info@grwc.org](mailto:info@grwc.org).

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*-Mission Statement-*



***The Grand Rapids Women's Chorus is dedicated to singing culturally diverse music that promotes appreciation of women composers and arrangers.***

***Established for the education, enjoyment and enrichment of its members and its audience, the organization seeks to create and inspire meaningful experience through musical expression.***

We welcome your comments, suggestions, compliments, questions, letters and tax deductible donations. Please feel free to contact us.

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