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Our Season
of Promise

Because we are planting seeds for future growth and success, I am calling this year our **Season of Promise**.

Project Second Decade (P2D)

This year we are engaged in a project to expand our links in the community, exploring future collaborations and partnerships with other arts groups, and developing a strategy for success in the coming years. We will be consulting with choristers, stakeholders and other arts groups over the coming months. One specific activity planned is an all-day workshop open to all performing arts organizations in the Brantford, Brant and Norfolk communities. This will take place on Saturday November 7th. For information on how you can get involved call Elfrieda Neumann at 519-759-7885.

Taking Canada to Europe

Our March 7th concert, **Taking Canada to Europe**, will expose our audience to the music we will perform during our trip to Europe starting on March 12th. During our tour, **Following in the Footsteps of the Great Composers**, we will travel to parts of Germany, Czech Republic and Austria, experiencing the ambience of historic sites associated with Bach, Handel, Haydn, Mozart and other composers whose works we have sung. Our on-tour music programme will also include many Canadian pieces, including three that we are commissioning specifically for this event.

While tour participants are responsible for paying their own travel and accommodation costs, there will be choir related costs of the tour for which we are seeking donations and raising funds. This initiative is led by chorister Jane Duncan. I wanted to let you know about some of these special fundraising (and fun) initiatives. For more information, call 519-759-7885.

Saturday November 14th **British Pub Night** at the Navy Club – tickets are \$20

Friday December 18th at Heritage United Church, our **Singalong Messiah Concert**, will include some fun activities to help us raise some cash for the March tour.

During November and early December choristers (led by Joyce Morris) will be promoting the **ordering and sale of unique pasta**. Funds from this initiative will be split between the tour costs and regular programme costs.

As you can see, your board and artistic director are indeed working hard to propel the Grand River Chorus to even greater successes. We invite you to join us in these endeavours.

David E Neumann,
President

Plan to attend...
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GRAND FÊTE DU VIN
*Gala Wine Tasting Event with Dinner,
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Saturday February 20, 2010
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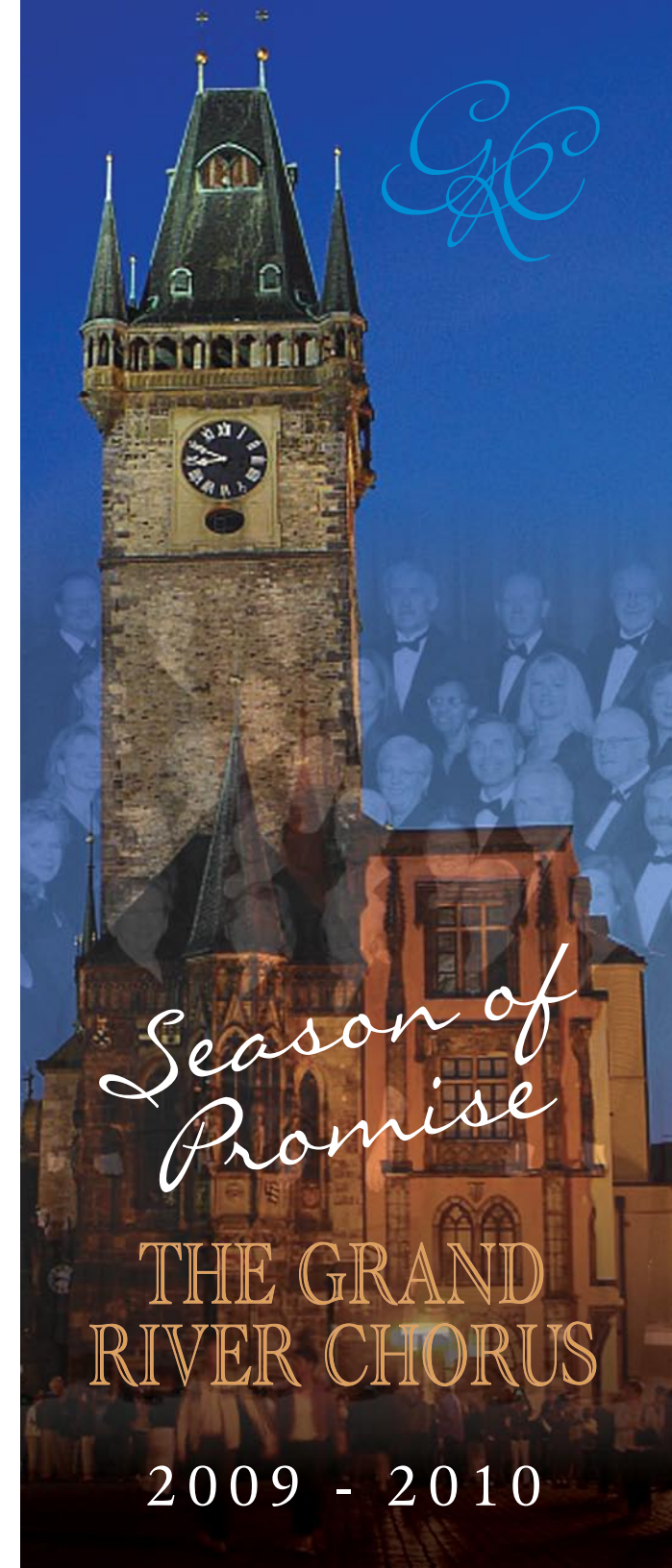


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This season's challenges include a major project to plan for success over the coming years and our first ever European trip. Please consider becoming a Supporting Member Donor at one of these levels of support:

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Appreciation privileges apply to these levels, including 2 season subscriptions for levels 1, 2 and 3, and one season subscription for level 4. Level 5 includes a pair of tickets to a concert of your choice. Make cheques payable to The Grand River Chorus. For more details call 519-759-7885



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2009 - 2010 SEASON

1. AN AMERICAN ADVENTURE

Sunday, November 1, 2009 - 3:00 p.m.

Alexandra Presbyterian Church, Brantford

This will be an afternoon of beautiful and exciting music, including Randall Thompson's Frostiana, Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and Choruses from "The Lark", and a selection of pieces by Samuel Barber.

2. HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Sunday, December 6, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.

Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts, Brantford

This will be another great joint production with the Brantford Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Philip Sarabura. A great way to start the Christmas Season, come out and help us fill the Sanderson Centre to make this an evening to remember.

2A. SINGALONG MESSIAH

An EXTRA concert not part of our subscription season.

Friday December 18th, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.

Heritage United Church, Colborne St., Brantford

An extra concert, not part of our season, is this ever popular evening of great music, when everyone gets a chance to join in and experience the joy of singing this masterwork. There will be extra fun events to raise funds for our March trip to Europe.

3. TAKING CANADA TO EUROPE

Sunday March 7th, 2010 - 3:00 p.m.

Saint Basil's Roman Catholic Church, Brantford

The Grand River Chorus prepares for its first tour by performing music of four great composers, mixed together with a program highlighting great music by Canadian composers. We travel to Halle to sing Handel, Leipzig to sing Bach, Esterhazy Palace to sing Haydn and Vienna to sing Mozart. We will also perform some wonderful Canadian music which will float in the great acoustic spaces of these European centres of culture... and you will hear it first, here in Brantford!

The Grand River Chorus has commissioned three pieces for this concert and tour. Don't miss the world premieres at our Brantford concert!

4. MASS OF THE CHILDREN and other music of John Rutter

Sunday May 30th, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Alexandra Presbyterian Church, Brantford

John Rutter is a much loved composer, whose beautiful tunes and lush harmonies have inspired millions of people to enjoy choral music. The Grand River Chorus, joined by Brantford Children's Chorus and Norfolk Noteables, will perform his brilliant mass setting for small orchestral ensemble, children's choir and adult choir, and will also entertain with some of Rutter's lighter works.

*Award from the
Artistic Director*

Welcome to our 11th season!

I recently met with a friend who told me that the programme for this season looked even better than the great celebration for our tenth anniversary. I am very excited about the upcoming year, and I know that you will have the same reaction as my friend, when you look over the concerts that we have planned. The Grand River Chorus is going on tour to Europe in March, and we will be presenting a concert of Canadian music for our European audiences. Subtitled the programme "Following in the footsteps of the great composers", we will sing some music by Handel, Bach, Mozart and Haydn, as we travel to venues which made them famous before highlighting the great music being composed by living Canadians. We will present this concert for you the week before we leave for Europe. The GRC has commissioned three pieces by local composers for this event; be sure to come and hear the world premieres.

We start the season by taking a virtual journey south of the border for An American Adventure, highlighting the music of Samuel Barber, Randall Thompson and Leonard Bernstein. The Grand River Chorus also shall continue its recent habit of collaboration with other local groups; performing Handel's Messiah with the Brantford Symphony Orchestra in December, and working with the Brantford Children's Chorus and the Norfolk Notables children's choir to perform John Rutter's Mass Of The Children. Why don't you mark the dates on your calendar, and be sure to come out to decide for yourself that this will be an even greater season than last. Look for me after the events and tell me what you think.



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Singalong Messiah Concert
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