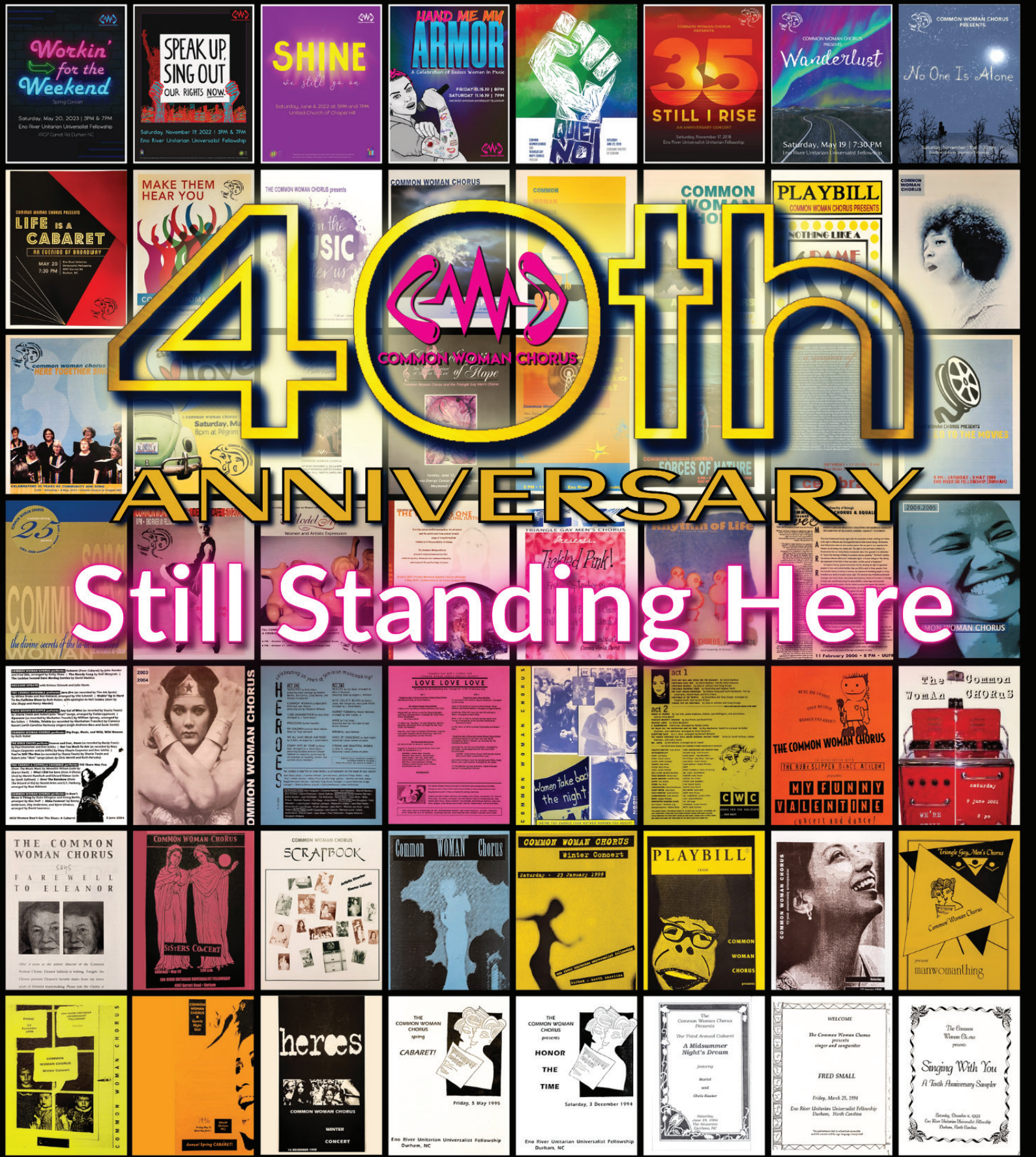


40th

ANNIVERSARY

Still Standing Here



*the common woman is as common as the best of bread
and will rise
and will become strong — I swear it to you
I swear it to you on my own head
I swear it to you on my common
woman's
head*
— Judy Grahn from *The Common Woman Poems*

Saturday, November 11th, 2023 | 3PM & 7PM
Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
4907 Garrett Rd, Durham NC

The Common Woman Chorus
Presents
The Second Annual Cabaret and Dance
Tracy Branch
Kai Baker
Mindy Friedman
Saturday, May 6, 2010
Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Durham, North Carolina

The Common Woman Chorus
presents
Something About The Women
A Celebration In Song
Thursday, November 8, 2012
Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Durham, North Carolina

Triangle Gay, Men's Chorus
Common Woman Chorus
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WELCOME
The Common Woman Chorus
presents
singer and songwriter
FRED SMALL
Friday, March 25, 1994
Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Durham, North Carolina

The Common Woman Chorus
presents
Singing With You
A Tenth Anniversary Sampler
Sunday, December 4, 2005
Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Durham, North Carolina

ACT I

Resilient - by Rising Appalachia, arranged by Danielle Jagelski

1000 Grandmothers - by Holly Near, arranged by J. David Moore

Simply Love - by Holly Near, arranged by Joan Szymko
Conducted by Cindy Bizzell

Lead With Love - by Melanie DeMore
Conducted by Cara Valenti

Say, Say Yes - by Melanie DeMore

On Children - words by Kahlil Gibran, music by Ysaye Barnwell
Performed by the ensemble

May I Suggest - by Susan Werner, arranged by Cara Valenti as performed by Red Molly
Performed by the ensemble

Hope Lingers On - by Lissa Schneckeburger, arranged by Andrea Ramsey
Percussion: Rebecca Antal, Cheryl Brown, Hannah Hawkins, Caitlin Kauffman, Jaylee Nelson, Tamara Talansky

How We Start Again - composed and conducted by Ayo Awosika



We're the chorus your mother warned you about!

ACT II

There will be a 15 minute intermission

Quite Regularly Gay - words from "Miss Furr and Miss Skeene" by Gertude Stein, music by Joan Szymko
Soloist: Kim Ebel

Never One Thing - by May Erlwine, arranged by Corie Brown
Soloists: Sarah Gravley, Elena Bingham, Whit Trumbull, Johelen Walker, Rebecca Antal, Caitlin Kauffman

You Will Be Found - by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, arranged by Mac Huff
Soloists: Jess Higginbotham, Cara Valenti, Diana Nishimuta, Jaylee Nelson; Spoken Word: Wendy Fields

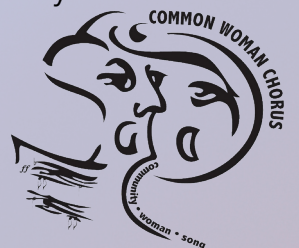
For Good - by Stephen Schwartz, arranged by Audrey Snyder
Performed by the ensemble

Rainbow - by Kacey Musgraves, arranged by Cara Valenti
Performed by the ensemble

Crowded Table - by Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna, and Brandi Carlile; arranged by Andrea Ramsey
Soloist: Michelle Reader

Sanctuary - by Jason Robert Brown, arranged by Mac Huff

I'm Still Standing - by Janis Ian, arranged by Kathleen McGuire
Soloists: Kim Sage, Amanda Benton



Kristen Stinnett - Artistic Director
Cara Valenti - Assistant Artistic Director
Cindy Bizzell - Artistic Director Emeritus
Ayo Awosika - Featured Guest Conductor
Kate Lewis - Accompanist
Hannah Hawkins - Concert Chair
Jess Higginbotham - Graphic Design
Jonah Pierce - House Manager
Carmella La Bianca - Box Office
Scott Gaskins - Sound



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rebecca Black - President
Caitlin Kauffman - Vice President
Kelly Lucey - Secretary
Brandi Melvin-Scammell - Treasurer
Kim Ebel - Member-At-Large
Brittney Ragsdale - Member-At-Large
Angela "Bird" Williams - Member-At-Large

MUSICIANS

Rebecca Farlow - Guitar & Percussion
Kelli Partin - Violin
Alex Craig - Cello

Mikayla Richards - Bass
Patrick McGrew - Drums

COMMON WOMAN CHORUS

Soprano 1

Hayli Altman
 Kim Ebel^
 Sarah Gravley
 Caroline Herbert
 Jess Higginbotham
 Caitlin Kauffman***
 Hailey Leiva^ **
 Emily Morris
 Nan Mullenneaux
 Katie Otto
 Natalie Roper
 Clara Sternberg
 Ellen Strain
 Elizabeth Watts
 Katie Yow

Soprano 2

Rebecca Antal
 Emily Bacon
 Cindy Bizzell
 Karen Dold
 Tracey Erwin
 Mary Evers
 Kirsten Gates**
 Sheryl Griffin
 Annelise Gummere
 Erin Laurie
 Shelly Lyons
 Diana Nishimuta^
 Esther Ranjbar***
 Michelle Reader
 Anna Slayton
 Tamara Talansky
 Whit Trumbull
 Johelen Walker

Alto 1

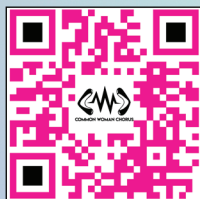
Gail Abrams
 Jeanne Allen
 Clare Baxter
 Amanda Benton^
 Elena Bingham
 Amy Bowes
 Wendy Fields
 Lucy Harris
 Ana Huang
 Jane C. Mac Neela
 Nancy Maeder
 Beth Mann***
 Brandi Melvin-Scammell
 Christine Nishiguchi**
 Harmony Peacock
 Kim Sage^
 Julia Storm
 Suzanne Tyler Stock^
 Cara Valenti^
 Anna Zehr

Alto 2

Rachel Bartlett**
 Rebecca Black
 Marj Boyer
 Cheryl Brown
 Melinda Campbell
 Natalie Griffin
 Hannah Hawkins
 Beth Hoke^
 Brenda Knox
 Meg Koc
 Kelly Lucey
 Marty McClelland^
 Melissa McSwegin
 Jaylee Nelson
 Meredith Nicholson
 Brittney Ragsdale
 Wilma Schroeder
 Jackie Yanchuck^ ***

MEMBERS NOT PERFORMING THIS CONCERT

Betsy Barton
 Taylor Coil
 Rebecca Cole-Pratt
 Jamie Lamkin
 M Pooler
 Emily Simpson-Keyes
 Becky Spense
 Angela Williams



Use your smartphone to scan the above QR code for song lyrics, links to the Common Woman Chorus social media sites, and easy ways to donate to our chorus!

^ Ensemble Member, and Carly Campbell
 ** Section Leader
 *** Music Section Leader

MISSION

To cultivate connection and change through the healing power of music.

VISION

Common Woman Chorus is a beacon for equity, justice, and belonging in the Triangle and beyond, particularly for the LGBTQ+ community.

VALUES

- **Growth** - We celebrate learning, especially when it's hard, and are committed to musical excellence.
- **Justice** - We root our work in the amplification of marginalized voices.
- **Authenticity** - We show up as our authentic selves and love and support others as they are.
- **Transformation** - We know that change happens through people and are committed to the work of transformation within our organization and in the world.

WHO WE ARE

We are a treble chorus made up of woman-identifying, gender-nonconforming, and transgender individuals. We are an LGBTQ+ centered space and a place for queer joy. We are people always seeking and working toward justice. We believe in the power of our collective voices.

OUR NAME

Our name is derived from a Judy Grahn poem that reads, in part, "a common woman is as common as the best of bread . . . and will rise."

SUPPORT THE CHORUS!

The Common Woman Chorus is celebrating our 40th anniversary this year! We are so proud of the impact we've had over the years on our members and our larger community. We have changed so much and are actively working to meet the needs of a growing organization. Your support can help us sustainably grow and thrive by allowing us to allocate dedicated funds to our many goals.

As a non-profit organization, the Common Woman Chorus is completely supported by membership dues and your generous donations. Ticket sales do not cover the costs of producing concerts. Common Woman Chorus is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and your donations are tax-deductible. (Federal EIN 58-1711608).

We have a goal of raising \$16,000 over the course of our 40th year! Help us reach it by scanning the QR code below to make your donation today.



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