



Members of the Seaway Valley Singers: front row, Margaret Whisselle and Robert Jones. Back row, Nicholas Howard, Isabelle Delage, Margaret Reid, Randy Lacey and Tony Glen.

## Spring...and music in the air

WILLIAMSBURG – Nothing welcomes spring to this area as much as a concert by the Seaway Valley Singers. On Friday, May 12, at the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church, the choir, under the skilled direction of Robert Jones, with gifted accompanist Margaret Whisselle, presented a program of varied and beautiful music, ‘Spring is in the Air,’ to an appreciative audience.

With Wendy Gibb acting as MC, the concert showcased music which ranged from classic spirit-

uals like ‘God Put a Rainbow in the Sky,’ to show selections from Bernstein’s ‘West Side Story,’ and Handel’s soaring salute to a new king, ‘Zadok the Priest.’ Folk songs like ‘Bridge Over Troubled Water,’ and Woody Guthrie’s ‘Gonna Get Through this World,’ were also part of the program, as was a touching Quartette salute, ‘Cotton Jenny,’ to Canada’s own late, and great folk artist, Gordon Lightfoot. The multi voice choir has been working on this, their annual spring concert, since early January, and the audience clearly enjoyed the extraordinary range and quality of the music.

One very special guest at Friday’s concert was Nicholas Howard, recipient of the 2020 Seaway Valley Singers bursary. Currently

studying Psychology and Music at Queen’s, Nicholas amazed the audience with his piano renditions of “Wheatland” from Oscar Peterson’s Canadiana Suite, and Liszt’s Liebestraum No. 3 in A Flat major.

Another very special part of the concert evening was the presentation, by Choir president Rhonda Schneckeburger, of a Life Membership Award to Judy Veinotte, honoured by the performers for her years of devoted service, in many capacities, to the Seaway Valley Singers.

The spring concert by the Seaway Valley Singers was an outstanding success.

People are already looking forward to their next performance – at Christmas.



Director Robert Jones and Judy Veinotte, honoured with a Life Membership award. (The Leader/Gibb photos)