

Friday, Seaway Valley Singers present *Down by the Riverside*

IROQUOIS – Twenty-five years ago, in 1993, a group of people who loved music and loved to sing, came together to found the Seaway Valley Singers.

Under conductor Michael Goodwin, the newly formed choir held its first public performance at a May fundraiser for Upper Canada Playhouse, and later staged its first Christmas concert on December 10, 1993.

Friday, May 4, 2018, the current Seaway Valley Singers will celebrate more than two decades of rich musical heritage in their annual spring concert, taking place at the Iroquois United Church at 7:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Robert Jones, with Margaret Whiselle as piano accompanist, the Singers will present *Down By the Riverside*. MC for the concert will be Wendy Gibb.

The evening program will be one of varied and exciting music. Classical arrangements of the music of Mozart and Fauré will stand beside the works of contemporary composers like John Rutter and Morton Lauridsen.

Choir member Isabelle Delage, who recently launched her new CD, *Songs From My Little Couch*, composer of "Rise Above," will be joined by some fellow Singers in a special presentation of that piece during the evening.

Well noted for their beautiful renditions of music from stage and

screen, the Singers will also offer selections from the classic show, *Kismet*, and from the Broadway sensation, *Les Miserables*.

And in celebration of this milestone 25th anniversary, the Seaway Valley Singers have invited some very special guests

to this May 4 concert. Original choir conductor, Michael Goodwin, will return to direct three of the concert pieces. And members of the Singers in years past, will join the current choir in a stirring rendition of Leonard Cohen's classic "Hallelujah."

The Christmas and spring concerts featuring the Seaway Valley Singers are always eagerly anticipated by area audiences. However, this celebration of 25 years of musical magic will make the May 4 concert one of the most delightful.