

*Thanks for the Music*  
presented by the  
**SEAWAY VALLEY SINGERS**

conducted by  
**ROBERT JONES**

accompanied by

**MARGARET WHISSELLE**

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**at 7:30**

**WENDY GIBB (Master of Ceremonies)**

**Christian Reformed Church,  
Williamsburg, Ontario**

**Programme**

- Hallelujah William Boyce
- The Sound of Music Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein  
(arr. Clay Warnick)  
*The Sound of Music*  
*My Favorite Things*  
*Doh-Re-Mi*  
*Climb Every Mountain*
- Deep River (Solo: Dan Edwards) Spiritual  
(arr. Norman Luboff)
- The Rainbow Connection (from *The Muppet Movie*) Paul Williams & Kenny Ascher  
(arr. Hawly Ades)
- Three Opera Choruses Gilbert & Sullivan  
i) *Brightly Dawns our Wedding Day* (from *The Mikado*)  
ii) *I Hear the Soft Note* (from *Patience*)  
iii) *Eagle High in Cloudland Soaring* (from *Utopia Limited*)
- Duet: Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better Irving Berlin  
Rhonda Schneckenburger (soprano) and Mike Ouellette (bass)
- Highlights from the Movie Soundtrack *Mamma Mia!* arr. Mac Huff  
i) *I Have a Dream* (Solo: Isabelle Delage)  
ii) *Mamma Mia*  
iii) *S.O.S.* (Solo: Ab Carr)  
iv) *Take a Chance On Me*  
v) *Thank You For the Music* (Solo: Holly Johnston)  
vi) *Dancing Queen*  
vii) *Waterloo*

*Please join us in the church hall for refreshments following the concert.*

## THE SEAWAY VALLEY SINGERS

**Robert Jones, conductor**

**Margaret Whisselle, accompanist**

Sopranos: Eleanor Allison, Anne-Marie Carmoy, Viv Charbonneau, Marianne Coligan, Lorna Driscoll, Julie Graham, Elizabeth Irwin, Minnie MacKay, Marni Marriott, Joan McGinn, Rhonda Schneckenburger, Madeleine Sisk, Sydney Smith, Judy Veinotte, Susan Wells, Mary Ann Whittaker.

Altos: Dawn Atwood-Ouellette, Carol Barkley, Nancy Bresnahan, Harriet Clarke, Isabelle Delage, Jill Dumaresq, Lorraine Howard, Holly Johnston, Nancy Jordan, Robin Lane, Annette McRae, Elizabeth Temple.

Tenors: Roger Boake, Bob Gilroy, Volker Gruetzner, Sid Irwin, Sam Moss, Bob Ruddock, Shawn Snider, Manfred Staebler.

Basses: Dave Black, Ab Carr, Dan Edwards, Randy Lacey, Mike Ouellette, Gary Unsworth.

Absent: Doug MacKay, Monique O'Rourke, Peter Ross, Chris Rowntree, Tina Sypes.

Established in 1993, *The Seaway Valley Singers* is a non-profit organization based in Williamsburg. Its members, as their name suggests, come from throughout the Seaway Valley: Avonmore, Chesterville, Finch, Iroquois, Mariatown, Morrisburg, Mountain, South Mountain and Winchester. The first director of the Seaway Valley Singers was Michael Goodwin. Alex Thomson took over as conductor in the fall of 2000; Mark Ehlebracht—who served as the accompanist for the 2001-02 season—served as the conductor for 2003-04, and Robert Jones has been the conductor since the fall of 2004. Our purpose is to provide our members with the opportunity to improve their singing skills by learning and singing choral music, both sacred and secular for the entertainment of the general public. As a charitable organization, we welcome and depend on donations from individuals and the corporate community. Donors are listed in each concert programme. Rehearsals are held here at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg (12436 County Road 18, ½ km. east of County Road 31) every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30, and new members are welcome. **Our first rehearsal for the 2016-2017 season is on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (the first Wednesday after Labour Day).** For more information, please phone our president Chris Rowntree at (613) 543-4288 or visit [www.seawayvalleysingers.ca](http://www.seawayvalleysingers.ca).

**Robert Jones** is a graduate of the University of Windsor and the University of Western Ontario and he has also studied at the Royal School of Church Music (Croydon, England). He also holds the Associateship and Choir Master diplomas from the Royal Canadian College of Organists. Bob served as Director of Music at Central United Church in Sault Ste. Marie from 1982-99 and then moved to Ottawa to become Organist and Choir Director at St. Luke's Anglican Church (Somerset Street). He also plays for the Saturday mass at St. Basil's Church. This is Bob's twelfth season as conductor of the Seaway Valley Singers. From 2004-15 he was also the conductor of the Bytown Voices (Ottawa). He has lived in Chesterville since 2001.

Our accompanist **Margaret Whisselle** graduated from Queen's University in Kingston with a Bachelor of Music degree. Margaret began playing the piano at the age of 7. She was the original Seaway Valley Singers' accompanist (1993-2000) and happily returned in September 2010! She sang vocal solos with SVS and was a member of the "Renaissance Voyces" choir. Margaret has been the Organist/Choir Director at Iroquois United Church since 1987 and before that, fulfilled the same function at St. John's Evangelical Parish. She has been teaching piano, vocals, and theory privately since 1986 in this area. She has been a performer at Brockville's "First Night" celebrations and has appeared on television for interviews twice, in connection with this event. Margaret has performed in off-Broadway type shows at the Upper Canada Playhouse. Currently, she is working with her two true loves....theatre music and opera. Margaret is working on upcoming concerts in association with Christopher Coyea, Alex Fleuriau Chateau and Ottawa's Maple Leaf Brass Band. She will be appearing with the Brockville Operatic Society in a production of *South Pacific* with from June 17-19 in Brockville. Margaret comes from the Ingleside area and is a mother of five.