

2002

## Retired Men's Chorus Concert; 2002

First Baptist Church of Niagara Falls

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# **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**1042**

**Niagara Falls, NY**

**2002**

## **A GIFT OF MUSIC XI**

**Sunday, March 17, 2002**

**3:00 PM**

**Retired Men's Chorus**



## Retired Men's Chorus

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The original director was Al Scipione and his wife was the first accompanist. For about 26 years, Ron Hammond was the director, retiring in 2000. The current director is Don Shrimpton and Doris Wieloszynski is our accompanist. Membership varies from 25-44 and new members are welcome at any time with rehearsals being at Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church, 59th St. in Niagara Falls each Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. The chorus performs at senior centers, nursing homes, retirees' clubs and wherever invited. Programs vary in length and subject. The season is nine months long with two "singouts" per week.

## We Thank Our Patrons

### Diamond Circle

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Flood

### Gold Circle

Mrs. Carol Bulchalski

Mrs. Kathleen H. Buckley

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bowser

Mrs. and Mrs. C. M. Offenhauer

Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Einstein

The Rev. and Mrs. Hal Faba

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mercer

## Program

Seize the Day

I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing

There's Nothing Like a Dame

Solo: Gordon Miller

The Battle of Jericho

The Water is Wide

Valentine/Mother's Day Medley

MOTHER

I Love You Truly

You Tell Me your Dream

To The Ladies

Irish Medley

Bog In The Valley-O

Daughter of Rose O'Grady

MacNamara's Band

Solo: Robbie Simpson

Tzena, Tzena, Tzena

Down In The Valley

Old Timer's Medley

Carlina In The Morning

Bye Bye Blackbird

By the Light of The Silvery Moon

Finale

George M. Cohan Patriotic Fantasy



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There will be a reception following the concert in the Friendship Room. This concert is made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Niagara Arts Council, Inc.



# GIFT OF MUSIC

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Main at Fourth Streets, Niagara Falls, NY 14301-1022 (716) 282-4666

**Donna M. Flood**

Choir Director - Organist

**Mark Breese**

Pastor

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For Further Information Call: Donna Flood

759-6442 (after 4:00 p.m.)

495-6222 ext.303

Gift of Music XI

The final concert of the 2002 Gift of Music at First Baptist Church at Main and Fourth Sts. in Niagara Falls will be Sunday, March 17 at 3:00 p.m. The **Retired Men's Service Club Chorus** presents a Pop's Concert conducted by Gordon Miller which will include a Valentines/Mother's Day Medley, an Irish Medley, several spirituals, and an Old Timer's Medley.

The concert is free and open to the public in this historical, handicapped accessible facility. A free will offering will be taken.

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### Final Program

2002

Seize the Day  
I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing  
New York, New York  
There Is Nothing Like A Dame  
*Solo: Gordon Miller*  
The Battle of Jericho  
The Water Is Wide

#### Valentine/Mother's Day Medley:

MOTHER

I Love You Truly  
You Tell Me Your Dream  
To The Ladies

#### Irish medley

Bog In The Valley -O  
Daughter of Rosie O'Grady  
MacNamara's Band  
*Solo: Robbie Simpson*

Tzena, Tzena, Tzena  
Down In The Valley

#### Old Timer's Medley

Carolina In The Morning  
Bye Bye Blackbird  
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(The above information includes data gleaned from the files of Roy Goodson, historian of the RMSC Chorus.)

Russ Crane, Secretary  
February 25, 2002



Final Program  
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By The Light Of The Silvery Moon

Finale

George M. Cohan - Patriotic Fantasy

Donald D. Shrimpton  
433 Harper Drive  
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Donald Shrimpton was a music teacher in the Middle School since November 1986. A graduate of Niagara Falls High School, Don received a BFA in Music Education from SUNY at Buffalo and did graduate work at New England School of Music, Northeastern University, SUNY at Potsdam, and SUNY at Buffalo. He taught elementary and high school instrumental music at Williamsville Central School for a year before being hired by Stoneham Junior High School in Stoneham, Massachusetts, where he worked for seven years. He then taught in Town of Webb Schools in Old Forge, New York from 1977 to 1986, when he joined the Lewiston-Porter faculty.

Don's students have performed for senior citizen groups and on local radio programs, and have participated in "Trills and Thrills" Music Festival at Canada's Wonderland; Firemen's Fund Telethon; Peach Festival Parade; Shower of Stars; Lip-Sync Contest; and received a first place trophy at Music in the Parks in Toronto, to name but a few. He served as Middle School Marching Band Director from 1994 to 1999, and was named 1990-91 LPUT Teacher of the Year. Don's wife, Sandra, is a fifth grade teacher in the South Building. They have three daughters, one granddaughter and three grandsons. Don will be the Musical Director for "Show Boat" at Artpark this summer. His work there will also include pianist for "Grease" and "Man of La Mancha". He will continue his work as accompanist for Onondaga Music Company in Syracuse and Rochester for various Shawnee Press Choral workshops. He is also Minister of Music at St. Peter's Church in Niagara Falls. His retirement will definitely find him as busy as ever.



**DONALD SHRIMPTON**  
Musical Director/Planist

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2000	Musical Director	Show Boat	Artpark/Lewiston, NY
2000	Musical Director	Nunsense	Artpark/Lewiston, NY
2000	Musical Director	Camelot	NFLT/Niagara Falls, NY
1999	Musical Director	Forever Plaid	Artpark/Lewiston, NY
1998	Musical Director/ Contractor	Barnum Patent Leather Shoes Quilters	Artpark/Lewiston, NY
1997	Musical Director	Gift of the Magi	Artpark/Lewiston, NY
1997	Musical Director	Joseph	NFLT/Niagara Falls, NY
1988-1997	Musical Director or Pianist	Various Musicals/Operas List available	Artpark/Lewiston, NY

During the 1960's I was Assistant Musical Director for the following shows at such venues as Melody Fair/N. Tonawanda, NY-Carousel Theatre/Framingham, Ma-Oakdale Theater/Wallingford Conn-Warwick Theater/Warwick, RI.

<u>Musical</u>	<u>Star</u>	<u>Musical Director</u>
Anything Goes	Dorothy Loudon Bill Hayes	Richard Parinello
Carousel	Howard Keel	Richard Parinello
Can Can	Patrice Munsel	Richard Parinello
Destry Rides Again	Robert Alda Lili Stanger Jack Irwin	Harry Fuchs
Do Re Mi	Dick Shawn	Richard Parinello
A Funny Thing	Godfrey Cambridge	Richard Parinello
Gypsy	Gisele MacKenzie Joe Campanella	Rene Wiegert
Guys and Dolls	Hugh O'Brien Anita Bryant	Anton Coppola
Gentlemen Prefer Blondes	Jayne Mansfield	Charles Jaffee
How To Succeed	Darryl Hickman Allan Jones	Herbert Hecht
King and I	Ann Blyth	Anton Coppola
The Music Man	Darrin McGavin	Anton Coppola
My Fair Lady	Ray Milland	Charles Jaffee
Music Man	Bert Parks	Richard Parinello
Oklahoma	June Roselle Stokely Gray	Robert Mandell
Once Upon A Mattress	Buster Keaton Roy Stuart	Harry Fuchs
Pal Joey	Steve Lawrence	Rene Wiegert
Rosalinda	Kathryn Grayson Robert Rounseville	Rene Wiegert
Show Boat	Kathryn Grayson	Richard Parinello
Take Me Along	Robert Gallagher John Anderson	Harry Fuchs
West Side Story	Lee Venora Lester James	Dobbs Franks

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**(Shrimpton)**

Musical Director at:

Retired Men's Chorus  
Studio Arena Theater  
Niagara University Players  
Niagara Falls Little Theater  
Homestead Dinner Theater  
Quad Productions  
Buffalo Seminary Theater  
Niagara Community College  
Community Orchestra  
Niagara Philharmonic Orchestra  
Elks Men's Chorus  
New England Opera Associates  
Community Choir  
Community Chorus

Niagara Falls, NY  
Buffalo, NY  
Niagara University, NY  
Niagara Falls, NY  
Niagara Falls, NY  
Niagara Falls, NY  
Buffalo, NY  
Sanborn, NY  
Sanborn, NY  
Niagara Falls, NY  
Chelmsford, MA  
Boston, MA  
Stoneham, MA  
Old Forge, NY

Accompanist for:

Opera Productions U.B.  
Susan Farrell Ballet School  
All-County Choral Groups  
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra  
Shawnee Press Work Shops  
Onandaga Music Co.  
Wendell Harrison Music  
Show Choirs  
Choral Groups  
Busch Gardens Auditions

Buffalo, NY  
Old Forge, NY  
Niagara County  
Buffalo, NY  
Rochester, NY  
Syracuse, NY  
Rochester, NY  
Local Area  
Local Area  
Buffalo, NY

Studied with:

Livingston Gearhart  
Ned Rorem  
Lou Harrison  
David Diamond  
Fred Waring  
Carlo Pinto  
Leon Kirshner  
Cameron Baird  
Melvin Strauss

Miscellaneous:

Lounge pianist  
Dance band pianist  
Jazz/pop background  
Experienced in all types of entertainment  
Professional accompanist in all styles

Personal:

Retired from teaching at Lewiston-Porter Middle School. (2000)  
Minister of Music at St. Peter's Church in Niagara Falls, NY  
Excellent sight-reader  
Love Musical Theater

Updated July 8, 2000



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## Retired Men's Service Club Chorus of the Niagara Frontier

### Scheduling Notice

September 2002

Greetings to all music lovers;

Want to add a touch of music to your special programs. Then consider booking the Retired Men's Service Club Chorus under the musical direction of Don Shrimpton. Our musical presentations offer a variety of familiar songs from American Pop culture, including Broadway musicals, patriotic tunes and holiday celebrations.

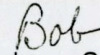
We are now accepting requests for performance dates. To be considered, please contact one of the following officers for further information to arrange for a performance at your facility:

Secretary, Bob Cochran, at 694-5626, or Vice President, Ron Bastian, at 773-5742. We look forward to hearing from you. Both of us will take your request for an appearance date and advise you if the date is acceptable. Some dates require a review and approval by the chorus membership before an approval is given. Most will be confirmed at the time of your contact.

Scheduling suggestions: We prefer singing Wednesday or Thursday afternoons for about 45 minutes. Our season begins the last week in September and ends the last week in June. We rarely do evening or weekend performances.

Donations Needed: We greatly appreciate any donation to help defray the costs of our musical program. To donate, please make a check payable to R.M.S.C.Chorus

May God bless you with peace.

  
Bob Cochran, Secretary

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We are partially funded by a grant from the Council on the Arts of Niagara County



# Retired Men Service Club Chorus

## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE 2002

Tuesday REHEARSAL Bacon Memorial Church Niagara Falls 9:15  
September

Wednesday, 25	Ken Ton Presb Village	3735 Delaware Ave	Kenmore	2:00
Thursday, 26	Newfane Golden Ager's	Miller Hose Main St	Newfane	1:00
		Route 78 N of Rt. 104		

## October

Wednesday, 2	Alterra Clare Bridge Cottage	6751 Nash Rd	N. Tonawanda	2:00
Thursday, 3	Weinberg Campus	2710 N Forest Rd	Amherst	2:00
Friday, 4	Weinberg Campus	2700 N Forest Rd	Amherst	2:15
Wednesday, 16	Niagara Rehab Center	822 Cedar Ave	Niagara Falls	2:30
Wednesday, 23	John Duke Senior Center	1201 Hyde Park Blvd	Niagara Falls	9:30

## November

Wednesday, 6	Elderwood-Crestwood Health Care Ctr	2600 N. Falls Blvd.	N. Falls	2:00
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## December

Wednesday, 4	Niagara Rehab Center	822 Cedar Ave	Niagara Falls	2:30
Thursday, 12	First Presb Rainbow Club	2814 Linwood Ave	Niagara Falls	12:00
Friday, 13	Crestwood Health Care Ctr.	2600 Niagara Falls Blvd.	Niagara Falls	2:00
Wednesday, 18	Inn on The River- Union Carbide Retirees	7001 Buffalo Ave	Niagara Falls	1:15
Thursday, 19	Trinity UM Church Trinity Women's Group	2100 Whitehaven Rd	Grand Island	1:30

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