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WELCOME TO FESTIVAL OF VOICES 2003

Welcome to the first *FESTIVAL OF VOICES*. It is our goal to make the *FESTIVAL OF VOICES* an annual showcase concert to feature the wonderful *GALA* choruses from the Northeast USA and Canada, and to build community between *GALA* choruses and other local musical performance ensembles. To this end we are pleased to welcome the Cayuga Chimes Women's Barbershop Chorus as our local guest chorus. Out Loud Chorus is a member chorus in the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses, Inc. (*GALA*) which has over 200 member choruses with over 10,000 active musicians world-wide. The motto of *GALA* is *Our Voices Win Freedom*. *FESTIVAL OF VOICES* is a perfect expression of the *GALA* motto and the Out Loud Chorus Mission Statement, particularly where it reads *Out Loud Chorus was "established for the education, enjoyment and cultural enrichment of its members and its audience."* Out Loud seeks to foster a spirit of pride and to present a positive image to all.

Bringing two choruses to Central New York State with the word "gay" in their names has proven to be somewhat of a challenge, I am sad to say. There has been a noticeable resistance to this concert since people saw that word on our posters. We were unprepared for this since we live in such an open and affirming community and State. I say this only to underscore that *FESTIVAL OF VOICES* is needed in our community and is very consistent with the educational goals of Out Loud Chorus.

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Br. Shawn F. Benedict, O.S.B.

Artistic/Music Director of Out Loud Chorus, Inc. & Festival of Voices 2003

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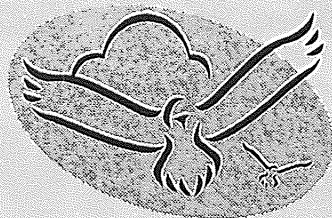
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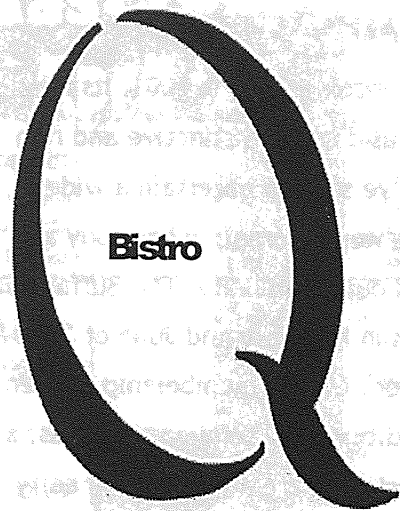
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BUFFALO GAY MEN'S CHORUS MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Barbara Wagner earned a BFA Degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, where she studied organ with Squire Haskin, and has done graduate work at Westminster Choir College. She did advanced organ study with Karl Richter at the Munich Conservatory and has done advanced conducting study with Raymond Harvey. Barbara has served as Minister of Music at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo for 39 years, was Director of Vocal Activities at the Nichols School for more than 24 years and served the congregation of Temple Beth Am as its music director for 12 years. She is presently in charge of Vocal Activities at the Buffalo Seminary and the conductor of the brand new Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus.



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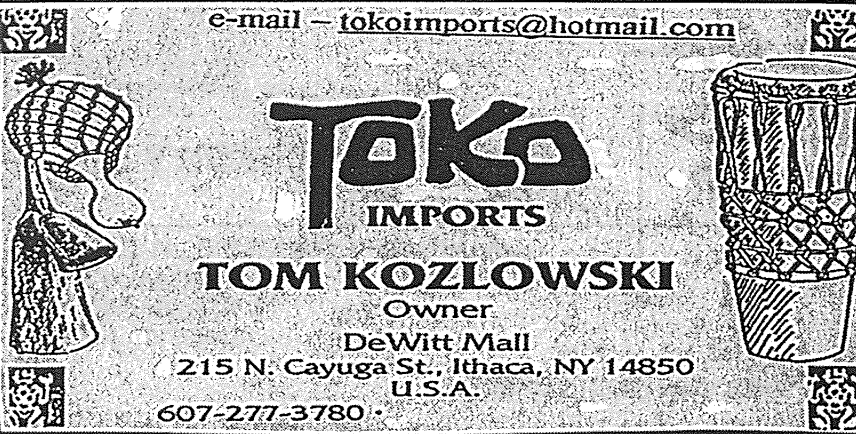
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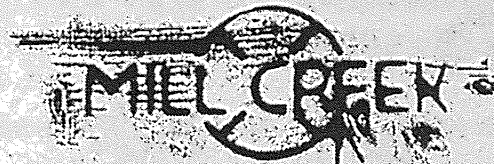
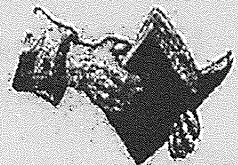
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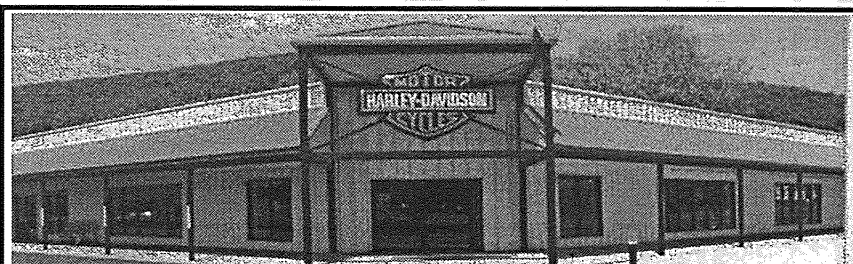
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Eric Bean, Cayuga Chimes chorus director, has long been involved with an extensive range of musical styles in numerous musical organizations. A 1973 graduate of Ithaca College, Bean was director of the Cornell Savoyards from 1976 to 1978. Currently a charter member of New York State Sacred Harp Organization, Bean is musical director of Sacred Harp in Ithaca, and has performed and produced a variety of musical presentations throughout his career.



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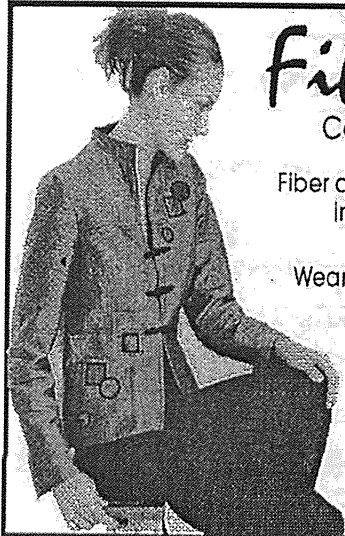
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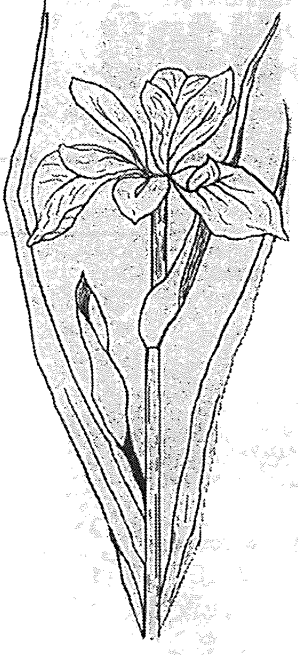
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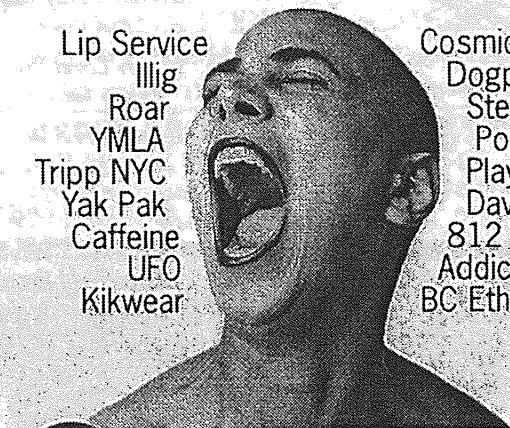
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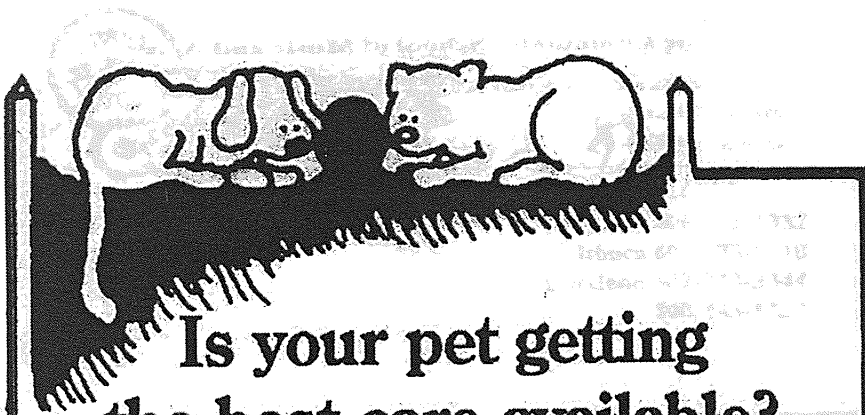
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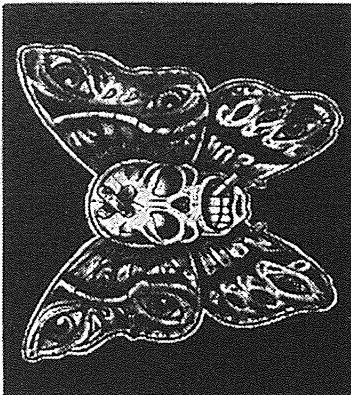
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Established for the education, enjoyment and cultural enrichment of its members and its audience, Out Loud seeks to foster spirit and pride and to present a positive image to all. For information regarding the chorus or to order a CD, please visit our web site at: www.outloudchorus.org.

CD's will also be for sale during intermission and after the concert. Speak to a chorus member for more information. CD's can also be ordered for \$15 each, plus \$3 shipping and handling per order, from: Out Loud Chorus, P.O. Box 4421, Ithaca, New York, 14852.

OUT LOUD CHORUS MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Brother Shawn Francis Benedict, O.S.B. is a 1982 graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. He received a Dalcroze Certificate in 1983, following study at Ithaca College. Benedict has spent the last twenty seven years conducting youth and adult choral groups as well as maintaining a private music studio. Benedict is the Pastor of Ray of Hope Church, the church of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and enlightened straight community.



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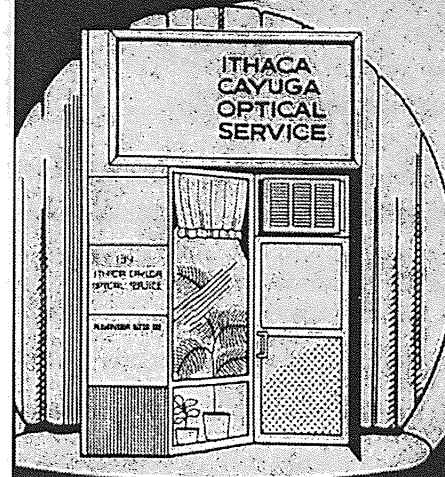
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Jeffrey Maynard joined the New York City Gay Men's Chorus as Artistic Director in 2001. Jeffrey holds a Masters degree in vocal performance and conducting from The Boston Conservatory of Music and Pittsburg State University in Kansas. In his first year as Artistic Director, Jeffrey increased the size of the chorus to almost 200 men, increased the level of community outreach of the Chorus, particularly in the wake of September 11. Prior to joining NYCGMC, Jeffrey spent four years as Artistic Director of the Gateway Men's Chorus in St. Louis, Missouri. Under Jeffrey's direction, the Gateway Men's Chorus produced its first commercial CD, recorded in Powell Symphony Hall. In addition to working with Gateway Men's Chorus, Jeffrey also worked for the St. Louis Symphony Chorus as a soloist, Assistant Chorus Director, and Section Leader. Jeffrey also served as the Music Director of Nerinx Hall High School in Webster Groves, Missouri for nine years. He also sat on the faculty of St. Louis University conducting the Master Singers.

Leslie Downs is the principal accompanist for the New York City Gay Men's Chorus. A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, Mr. Downs holds degrees from Centenary College of Louisiana and from Yale University. He has performed as a soloist with several orchestras and has appeared in solo, lieder, and chamber recitals. A versatile artist, Mr. Downs has also served as music director for regional musical theater productions and cabaret shows. He teaches piano at the Berkeley Carroll School in Brooklyn and P.S. 41 in Manhattan.



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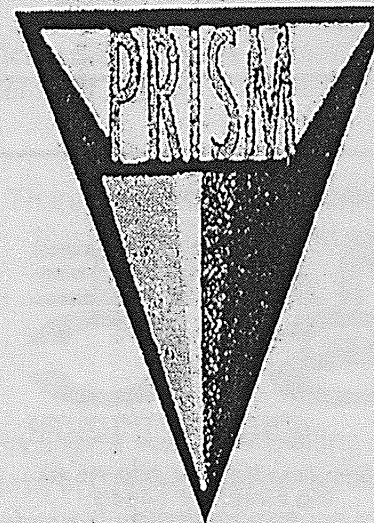
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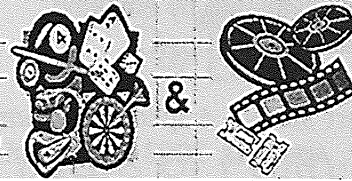




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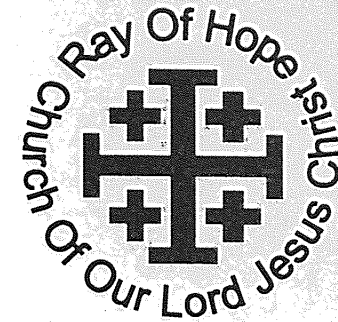
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