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## **“This Shining Night”: DGMC’s Holiday Concert December 17-19**

Denver CO (October 15) – Denver Gay Men’s Chorus’s Holiday Concert, “This Shining Night,” will take place Friday, December 17, 2010 and Saturday, December 18, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at L2 Arts and Culture Center (1477 Columbine Street at Colfax Avenue) in Denver, and Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew United Methodist Church (3350 E. White Bay Drive) in Highlands Ranch.

Tickets are \$22 (adults) and \$18 (students); children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. (These are ADVANCE ticket prices; ticket prices will be \$2 higher at the door on the day of performance.) Tickets for “This Shining Night” and all RMAA events may be purchased at Wild Flowers at 12th Avenue and Madison in Denver, at Poor Richard’s Bookstore at 320 N. Tejon Street in Colorado Springs, and at the Rocky Mountain Arts Association Web site [www.rmarts.org](http://www.rmarts.org). Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the concert at venue locations.

Among the highlights of DGMC’s Holiday Concert will be Morten Lauridsen’s moving setting of James Agee’s poem, “Sure on This Shining Night,” Alfred, Lord Tennyson’s “Ring Out, Wild Bells,” and a spirited version of the Yiddish children’s song, “Bidi Bom.”

The second half includes secular selections: “Santa Got a Tummy Tuck,” Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters’ classic “Mele Kalikimaka,” and a memorable medley, “Christmas on Broadway.”

The Denver Women’s Chorus small ensemble, “Take Note!,” under the direction of Joy Jenkins, will be special guests at the Holiday Concert; DGMC’s small ensemble, “Sing Out, Louise!,” will also perform selections.



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## Denver Gay Men's Chorus "This Shining Night" - page two

Denver Gay Men's Chorus was founded in 1982 and currently numbers over 100 performing members.

Ben Riggs has served as artistic director of the Denver Gay Men's Chorus since August 2007, and has begun his first year as artistic director of the Boulder Chorale; he is also cantor and director of music at Boulder's Atonement Lutheran Church.

Rick Miller is the principal accompanist of Denver Gay Men's Chorus; he is a founding member of DGMC and has been their principal accompanist since 1992, and also sings in DGMC's ensemble "Sing Out, Louise!"

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*Denver Gay Men's Chorus is a program of Rocky Mountain Arts Association, which includes the Denver Women's Chorus, Out Loud: the Colorado Springs Men's Chorus, and Mosaic Youth Chorus; DGMC is a founding member of Gay And Lesbian Association of Choruses (GALA Choruses). Rocky Mountain Arts Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.*

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**Denver Gay Men's Chorus**

Ben Riggs, Artistic Director

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**“Silver Bells”** Jay Livingston (1915-2001)  
and Ray Evans (1915-2007)  
arranged by Kevin Robison (b. 1966)

**“Sing We Now of Christmas”** Traditional French carol  
arranged by Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

**“If You Would Hear the Angels Sing”** Stephen Smith (b. 1966)  
Dora Greenwell (1821-1882)

**“Bidi Bom”** arranged by David Eddleman (b. 1936)

**“Ring Out, Wild Bells”** music by Ron Nelson (b. 1929)  
poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

**“Sure On This Shining Night”** Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)  
poem by James Agee (1909-1955)

**“This Little Light of Mine”** Harry Dixon Loes (1895-1965)  
arranged by John Leavitt (b. 1956)

### **INTERMISSION**



**Selections** Sing Out, Louise!  
Ben Riggs, Director  
Denver Gay Men's Chorus ensemble

**Selections** Take Note!  
Joy Jenkins, Director  
Denver Women's Chorus ensemble

### **Denver Gay Men's Chorus**

**African Processional** David V. Montoya

**"Santa Got a Tummy Tuck"** Robin Dinda (b. 1959)

**"Mele Kalikemaka"** R. Alex Anderson (1894-1995)  
arrangement by Jay Althouse

**"Instrument of Peace"** Greg Gilpin (b. 1964)  
prayer by St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

**Christmas on Broadway** arrangement by John Higgins (b. 1930)

**"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"** Meredith Willson (1902-1984)

**"Pine Cones and Holly Berries"** Meredith Willson

**"Toyland/March of the Toys"** by Victor Herbert (1859-1924)  
Glen McDonough (1870-1924)

**"My Favorite Things"** music by Richard Rodgers (1902-1979)  
lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960)

**"We Need A Little Christmas"** Jerry Herman (b. 1931)

**"God Bless Us Everyone"** music by Alan Menken (b. 1949)  
lyrics by Lynn Ahrens (b. 1948)