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Mosaic Youth Chorus: 'All I Wanted for Christmas' on January 15

Denver CO (December 15) - Mosaic Youth Chorus will have their "All I Wanted for Christmas" Concert, an evening marking the exuberance of recent holidays, on January 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United Methodist, 690 Colorado Boulevard at Seventh Avenue in Denver.

Mosaic Youth Chorus is Rocky Mountain Arts Association's safe-space chorus for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth and their straight friends, age 14 to 20. Mosaic's goal is to provide a safe space for youth simply to be themselves while surrounded by positive adult and peer role models.

This is a FREE concert and a free-will offering will be collected.

"Our concert in January will approach this sentiment from a different point of view: what if, instead of material gifts, we asked for gifts of peace; love; acceptance, joy? Would that make a difference in our world? A difference in our neighborhoods? Our families?" observed Mosaic Artistic Director Kendall Bridges.

This concert will feature folk songs ("Down in the Valley" and "Dona Nobis Pacem,"); contemporary hits ("Beautiful" and "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing,") "Gabi Gabi," an African call to freedom, "Like the Beat of the Drum," which asks us to work toward change, "Song for a Russian Child," which reminds us that the children are indeed our future, "Velvet Shoes," which reminds us that love is precious and deserves respect, and "Written On a Star," which honors those who have given their hearts and lives in the continued fight for acceptance and equality.



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Mosaic Youth Chorus - "All I Wanted for Christmas" (add 2)

"We delight in presenting this concert and hope you will be able to join us as we rephrase 'All I Wanted for Christmas.' We hope our selections for this concert reflect on how we might be of better service to our world and with the continued efforts to encourage a society that recognizes and respects all of its citizens," Kendall continues.

Kendall Bridges is artistic director of Mosaic Youth Chorus. He is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado with a bachelor's degree in music education. He brings the Chorus over 12 years of vocal music instruction with the public school system with Denver Public Schools, Pittsburg (California) Unified School District, and Adams County School District 14. He is currently active in the tenor section of the Colorado Chorale, and prior to returning to Colorado, sang tenor and served on the board of directors for the Oakland Symphony Chorus.

Mosaic's principal accompanist is Wendy Nestrud, a former nurse who pursued her musical ambitions and received a bachelor's degree in musical performance from Metropolitan State College in Denver in 2001. She teaches privately in her home, collaborates with other musicians, and has accompanied at other local schools.

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