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DGMC's Holiday Concerts December 5, 11, 12: "Let it Ring! Let it Swing! Let it Snow!"

Denver CO (November 6) – Denver Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert "Let it Ring! Let it Swing! Let it Snow!" will take place Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3350 White Bay Drive in Highlands Ranch and Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church at 1980 Dahlia Street at Montview Boulevard in Denver.

DGMC's Holiday Concert's special guests will be the Front Range's premier handbell ensemble, Rocky Mountain Ringers (this collaboration is sponsored by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District of Denver County). Tickets are \$22 (adults), \$20 (seniors over 55), \$16 (students), children 12 and under free when accompanied by adult.

Tickets for "Let it Ring! Let it Swing! Let it Snow!" 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: <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 Todd Smith's African Noel (in Kituba), Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus Director Kevin Robison's arrangement of "Silver Bells," Rick Miller's annual holiday sing-along (this year, with handbells), and the Ukrainian new-year's song "Carol of the Bells" with the Rocky Mountain Ringers. (Rocky Mountain Ringers director Jeff Harms served as DGMC's artistic director from 1985 to 1992.)

Ben Riggs has served as artistic director of the Denver Gay Men's Chorus since August 2007, and is director of worship and program ministries at Denver's Christ Church United Methodist. He sings with St. Martin's Chamber Choir, Denver's only fully professional chorus.



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



Photo by Anne Drake

The Denver Gay Men's Chorus in their 2008 Holiday Concert at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church.

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Denver Gay Men's Chorus is a program of Rocky Mountain Arts Association, which includes 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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“Let it Ring! Let it Swing! Let it Snow!”

Denver Gay Men's Chorus

Ben Riggs, Artistic Director

December 5, 11 & 12, 2009

*St. Andrew United Methodist Church
3350 White Bay Drive
Highlands Ranch, Colorado*

*Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church
1980 Dahlia Street
Denver, Colorado*

Christmas Processional	Mark Kellner (b. 1959)
“Let it Ring! Let it Swing! Let it Snow!”	Medley by Mac Huff (b. 1955)
Ukrainian Bell Carol	M. D. Leontovych (1877-1921)
“Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!”	Music by Jule Styne (1905-1994) Lyrics by Sammy Fain (1913-1993)
“A Marshmallow World”	Music by Peter DeRose (1900-1953) Lyrics by Carl Sigman (1909-2000)
“Frosty the Snow Man”	Steve Edward Nelson (1907-1981) and Jack Rollins (1906-1973)
“Make a Wish for Me on Christmas”	Music by Stephen Chatman (b. 1950) Verse by Tara Wohlberg (b. 1967)
“On Christmas Day”	Michael Eglin (b. 1975)
“How Can I Keep From Singing?”	Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947) Robert Wadsworth Lowery (1826-1899)
“Stars I Shall Find”	Music by David Dickau (b. 1953) Verse by Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)
Selection	Rocky Mountain Ringers
“Ocho Kandelikas”	Song by Flory Jagoda (b. 1925) Arrangement by J. A. Kawarsky (b. 1959)
That Fruitcake Song	Music and lyrics by Scott Warrender (b. 1957)
Noel	Todd Smith Arrangement by Brad Holmes



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Selection	Rocky Mountain Ringers
“Sleigh Ride”	Music by Leroy Anderson (1908-1975) Lyrics by Mitchell Parish (1900-1993)
Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy	Arrangement by Jeff Funk (b. 1971) Based on music by Pyotr Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
“Silver Bells”	Arrangement by Kevin Robison (b. 1966) Music by Jay Livingston (1915-2001) Lyrics by Ray Evans (1915-2007)
Holiday Sing-along	Rick Miller, organ
Selection	Rocky Mountain Ringers
Carol of the Bells	Mykola Dmytrovych Leontovych (1877-1921)