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One Voice Mixed Chorus' *Hand in Hand* Tour Rolls Into Mountain Iron!



Who: One Voice Mixed Chorus: Minnesota's LGBTQA Community Chorus

What: One Voice, in conjunction with Messiah Lutheran Church, LSS Range Together For Youth, SAFE, and Minnesota Public Radio, is excited to announce that our 14th annual outreach tour, *Hand in Hand*, is making a stop in Mountain Iron on November 19! This year's program includes selections from our upcoming winter concert, *Out of the Shadows*, a tribute to African-American artists and activists. We'll also share a sneak preview of our brand-new commission, *The Man Behind the Dream*, which tells the story of openly gay civil rights activist, Bayard Rustin.

Where: Messiah Lutheran Church • 8590 Enterprise Drive S. • Mountain Iron, MN 55768

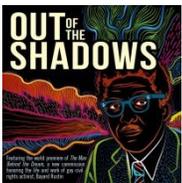
When: Saturday, November 19 • 7:00 PM

Tickets: Concerts are FREE and open to the public. Call 651.298.1954 or visit our tour page at www.OneVoiceMN.org for more information.

For nearly 30 years, One Voice Mixed Chorus - Minnesota's own LGBTQ and straight allies community chorus and the largest LGBTQA mixed chorus in the country - has been known for its commitment to

artistic excellence, its diverse repertoire, its wicked sense of humor and a passionate commitment to community outreach. Our talented and diverse group of 125 singing members span the ages of 16 and 79, and our “Fifth Section” boasts more than 50 non-singing volunteers. Together, they dedicate their time and energy to the One Voice mission: “Building community and creating social change by raising our voices in song.” In the last few years, we’re proud to have performed for thousands of people in the Twin Cities, Greater Minnesota and beyond.

In Minnesota, the land of 10,000 choirs, One Voice’s community engagement and education programs are second to none. One Voice and our smaller ensemble, OVation, perform 20 to 25 concerts each year in schools, faith communities, corporate diversity events and community gatherings. Last fall marked the 13th year that One Voice has taken its message of hope, inclusiveness and equality to communities outside the metro Twin Cities area where LGBTQ resources are often hard to find. This fall, with the help of Minnesota Public Radio, we’re thrilled to do it again! From November 18-20 the *Hand in Hand Tour* will make stops in Ely and Duluth, and on the evening of November 19, in Mountain Iron at Messiah Lutheran Church, presented by the LSS Range Together For Youth and SAFE.



This year’s program includes musical selections from our upcoming January concert, *Out of the Shadows*, a celebration of African-American artists and activists, premiering over MLK weekend 2017 at the Ordway Concert Hall in St. Paul. Featured composers include Ysaye Barnwell, Rosephanye Powell, Sam Cooke, and Billy Strayhorn, among others. There will also be a sneak preview of our brand new commission, *The Man Behind the Dream*. Composed by Cincinnati composer, Steve Milloy, *The Man Behind the Dream* honors the life and work of openly gay, civil rights activist Bayard Rustin, a mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and an organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, who was pushed to the margins of the movement due to his sexuality.

We’re also honored to be joined on stage by choir singers from Virginia High School and other community singers from around the area! All performances are open to the public and admission is free, though free will donations are welcome! A portion of the proceeds from our show in Mountain Iron will go toward area LGBTQ support groups, LSS Range Together For Youth and SAFE.

To view our season calendar or to learn more about One Voice Mixed Chorus, please visit our website at <http://www.onevoicemn.org>. To purchase tickets to any of our events, please visit <http://www.onevoicemn.org/performances/get-tickets/> or call the Ordway box office at 651.224.4222.

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