

## One Voice 2006-2007 Performances

### October 7, 2006

Sing OUT!  
OVation  
Unity Church – Unitarian  
St. Paul, MN

### October 13, 2006

One Voice Outreach  
Hennepin Methodist Church  
Minneapolis, MN

### November 9–11, 2006

“Reclaiming Faith” Outreach Tour  
- Apollo High School, Saint Cloud MN  
  
- Minnesota State University at Moorhead,  
Moorhead, MN  
  
- University of Minnesota, Crookston  
Crookston, MN  
  
- Knox United Church,  
Winnipeg, Ontario, Canada  
  
- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

### November 19, 2006

OVation Open Arms Fundraiser  
Saint Luke Presbyterian Church  
Minnetonka, MN

### January 19, 2007

OVation  
Temple Israel  
Minneapolis, MN

### January 20-21, 27-28

Reclaiming Faith: In the Spirit of Justice  
- Mayflower United Church of Christ,  
Minneapolis, MN  
  
- Temple Israel, Minneapolis, MN  
  
- Spirit of Hope Methodist Church,  
Golden Valley, MN  
  
- Saint Paul United Church of Christ,  
St. Paul, MN

### February 11, 2007

OVation  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
Hanska, MN

### March 17, 2007

Spring Fever Silent Auction and Cabaret  
Saint Joan of Arc Church  
Minneapolis, MN

### April 13, 2007

OVation  
Metro State  
St. Paul, MN

### April 19, 2007

Generations ROCK! Outreach Concerts  
- Outfront! Lobby Day, St. Paul, MN  
  
- Saint Paul Creative Arts High School,  
St. Paul, MN  
  
- Humboldt Senior Residence,  
St. Paul, MN  
  
- Neighborhood House – Paul & Sheila  
Wellstone Center for Community  
Building, St. Paul, MN

### May 3, 2007

OVation  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, MN

### May 6, 2007

Unity Church – Unitarian  
St. Paul, MN

### June 4, 2007

Queer Music Consortium Pride Concert  
Como Park  
St. Paul, MN

### June 16-17, 2007

Generations ROCK!  
with guest Teens Rock the Mic  
Great American History Theatre  
St. Paul, MN

*I am moved by the work of One Voice. I believe that the newspaper article about your Reclaiming Faith concerts will undoubtedly have an impact and add to the understanding of those who misunderstand and reject.*  
– Audience member

*I have been to choral events all over the country. I have been entertained, moved, bored... That particular commission, Definition Suite was one of the most important commissions that I have seen in the past ten years. It was unique and spoke to the youth generation. It was incredibly powerful to hear a 19-year-old stand up and tell older people something in a way they have never heard before.*  
– Audience member

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## Multi-Year Giving

Multi-Year giving is an important component of our strategic development plans. We have a number of individuals who have pledged multi-year gifts in varying amounts and continue to add to this list of wonderful donors. We are grateful for your commitment to the long-term viability of One Voice Mixed Chorus.

### Crescendo Society Founding Members, April 2006

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# ANNUAL REPORT

**One  
Voice**  
MIXED CHORUS  
Minnesota's GLBTA Chorus

2006-2007



*Building community and creating social change  
by raising our voices in song.*

## A Year of Organizational and Musical Growth

Our past year was a time of organizational and musical growth for the chorus, one in which we expanded our mission of “building community and creating social change by raising our voices in song”. While our mission remains the same, we brought about important foundational changes this year, many of which will materialize in the years to come. Early in 2007, the chorus’ leadership began a five year strategic planning process which was completed and ratified by the board at our year-end meeting. The strategic plan spells out several long-term goals. Our first year’s targets are more foundational in nature (such as creating a new look and feel for our logo), there are also some sizable goals built in to each year of the plan. The leadership team set the direction for our upcoming five years which will require strong collaboration, increased resources, long-term relationships in the community, a widely recognized public identity and a larger audience base.

In support of the strategic plan, the board allocated additional funds to increase our staffing for development and marketing. With this important investment we will bring dedicated, professional resources to grow our individual donor base, fundraising activities and corporate sponsorships. In anticipation of additional organizational growth, our operations manager role was restructured to reflect the strategic opportunities identified by the board and chorus leadership.

When we completed the strategic plan and staffing model, we were just getting started. We also opened our first official office! With funding from a St. Paul Capital STAR grant, One Voice now has an office at Unity Church—Unitarian in St. Paul, where we rehearse. We completed phone and electric upgrades and built out our new space with new computers and office equipment for our three staff members. The office also features a volunteer workstation for our amazing – and often envied – Fifth Section volunteer corps.

Opening our new office was an amazing accomplishment, especially for our staff and volunteers who worked from home offices and borrowed conference room spaces for our first 19 years of operations. Taking on all of our strategic priorities and sharing our message of social change in the community requires resources. Without a doubt, one of the most significant accomplishments of our fiscal year was that we were able to meet our goals while ending the year “in the black.” With prudent management by our finance committee and leadership team, we recovered from the prior year’s deficit.

On behalf of the board of directors, our leadership team, members and volunteers, thanks for all you do to inspire change. We couldn’t do it without the outstanding generosity of our volunteers, donors, sponsors, foundations and other organizations. We look forward to an amazing year ahead.

*Earl D. Moore, Jr. and Kate Reilly, Co-chairs*

## 2006-2007 Highlights

One Voice's 19th season began with a packed outreach tour, including 90 singers and volunteers who traveled to perform in western and northern Minnesota. We sang for students at St. Cloud Central High School, for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) community and supporters in Moorhead, and for college students in Crookston. We also collaborated with the Rainbow Harmony GLBT chorus in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and finished our outreach tour with a concert in Bemidji, Minnesota. Each community deeply appreciated our music and message.

In January 2007, One Voice performed Reclaiming Faith: In the Spirit of Justice, concerts of spiritually based music in four faith communities including Mayflower UCC Church in Minneapolis, Temple Israel in Minneapolis, Spirit of Hope in Golden Valley and St. Paul's United Church of Christ in St. Paul. Using music as a vehicle for social change, these concerts integrated songs with positive, radical stories from faith-based communities that support GLBT individuals. The project fostered conversation and connections between faith communities by integrating singers, storytellers, choirs and volunteers.

One Voice collaborated with the Human Rights Campaign to bring two nationally recognized speakers to the Twin Cities to participate in Town Hall meetings with local

clergy members and GLBT congregation members: Rabbi Joshua Lesser (Atlanta, GA) and Imam Daayiee Abdullah (Washington, DC). Representative Keith Ellison also participated in the town meeting at our final concert on Sunday, January 28. These meetings built new alliances, and were rich with fresh ideas—as well as honest assessments of the work we have yet to do. Our June 2007 Generations Rock concert was an exemplary demonstration of One Voice's successful collaborative projects. One Voice singers and artistic staff partnered with Teens Rock the Mic, an ensemble of young, urban poets and performance artist and composer Mankwe Ndosini on an innovative multi-disciplinary performance art project combining choral music and spoken-word. Feedback from audience and membership surveys consistently commented on how the addition of young people's voices was a powerful and moving component of the concert.

Between our full-length January and June concerts, One Voice spent a day performing three concerts in the St. Paul community including performances at Saint Paul Creative Arts High School, Cerenity

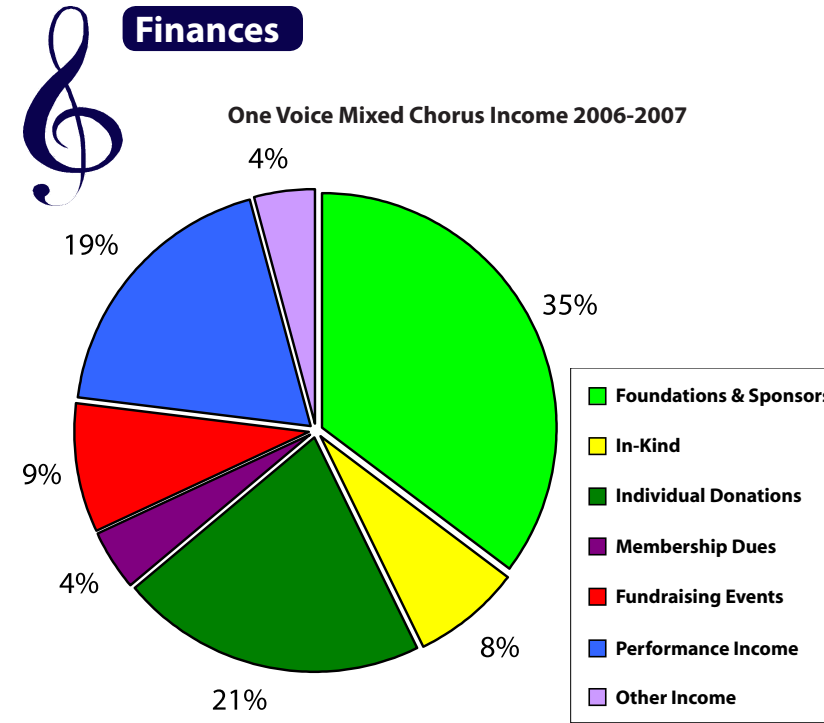
Residence and the Neighborhood House. In addition, our ensemble, OVation, provided over a dozen free performances throughout the year for community events, churches and celebrations.



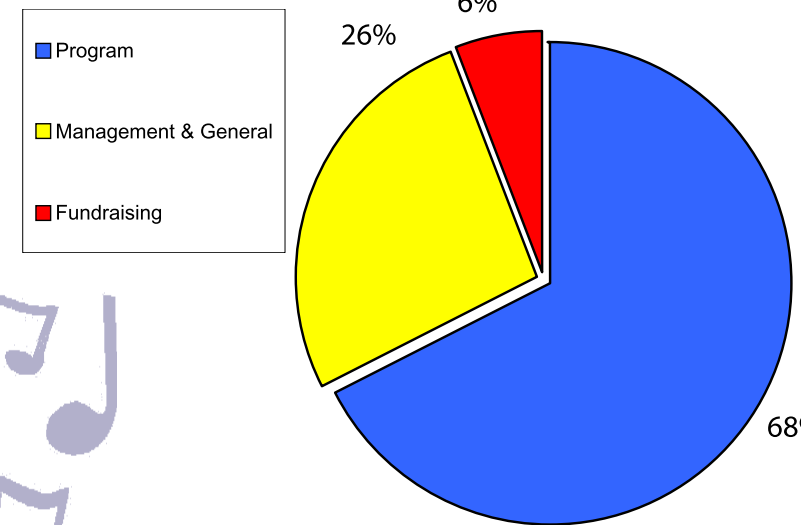
One Voice and OVation performed an amazing 28 concerts during our 2006-2007 concert season reaching just under 10,000 audience members. We are grateful for the support from our many donors and volunteers that make our mission possible. We are indeed "building community and creating social change by raising our voices in song!"

Jane Ramseyer Miller  
Artistic & Executive Director

## Finances



One Voice Mixed Chorus Chorus Expenses 2006-2007



ASSETS	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash	5,061
Accounts Receivable	2,425
Grants Receivable	8,726
Contributions Receivable	39,504
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>55,716</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Contributions Receivable-Non Current	55,653
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>111,369</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	5,021
Line of Credit	10,000
Accrued Payroll and Related Taxes	9,894
Funds Held For Others	1,404
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>26,319</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted	(14,207)
Temporarily Restricted	99,257
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>85,050</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>111,369</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Foundations & Sponsors	85,998
In-kind	18,438
Individual Donations	51,834
Membership Dues	10,020
Fundraising Events	21,981
Performance Income	46,233
Other Income	10,142
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>244,646</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Program	153,690
Management & General	60,238
Fundraising	13,584
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>227,512</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>17,134</b>

## Dynamic Donors

One Voice Mixed Chorus relies on the generous gifts of individuals whose hopes and dreams harmonize with our mission. In our 2006-2007 fiscal year we were blessed with many gifts; we wish to express our profound gratitude to these supporters:

<b>FORTISSIMO</b> <b>\$2500 AND ABOVE</b> Pete Bissonette Colleen Kay Watson & Mary McDougall	Carolee Lindsey Maureen Lunde Kim Makie Jane Ramseyer Miller & Anne Breckbill Earl D. Moore, Jr. Paul Olson Shannon Pierce & Rachael Kroog Karen & Jay Rusthoven Lane Skalberg John Sullivan Anita Wheeler Cheryl Winch & Christine Hazel	<b>MEZZO FORTE</b> <b>\$250 TO \$999</b> William Brown Linda Coffin & Kathy Webster Chris Dart Danny Eitingon, Ph.D. Dawn Gelle & Amy Gabrielle Scott Griesbach Katrina Johnson Joseph Kestel Steve Lenius & William Schlichting	Marcheta Madden Joy MacArthur & Kate Reilly John McConnell, M.D. Joel Mugge & Adam Hamilton Karen Muleski Patricia Murphy & Janet Rudd Matthew Peak & Spencer Putney Betty Perry Paul Petrella Lisette Schlosser & Peg Bauwens	Barbara Van Deinse Elaine Voboril & Marnie Milbert Allan Warrior Mary Warne & Linda Kotilinek John Whalen Gwen Wilson	<b>MEZZO PIANO</b> <b>\$100 TO \$249</b> Christi Ann Anderson Daniel Boyer John Donahue Marisa Geisler	Heidi Gessell & John Edgerton Darolyn Gray Kevin Horne Kathleen Hagen & Chernah Coblentz Thomas Haines Wendy Johnson & Glenn Evans Robin Keck & Cecilia Miller Evan Kelley Pat & Cheryl Leitschuh Elias Mahigel Leslie Metzen	William & Phyllis Miller Molly Morton & Barbara Schubring Carla & Stephanie Peck Marcia Schultz Cathy Sherwin Mary Kay Fortier-Spalding & George Spalding Susan L. Stacey Joseph Stanley & Lori Zook-Stanley Maryann Watters Richard & Sandy Westby	<b>PIANO</b> <b>\$10 TO \$99</b> Elizabeth Alexander John Bagniewski & Brad Hanson Martha Bentley & Becky Sechrist Ron Brunette & Alan Finkel Barbara Coffin Duane Dial Frieda Gardner Marilyn & Dave Garwood Cathy Geist Max Gries	Anna & Nathan Johnson in honor of Soren Charles Johnson Philip & Jacqueline Juhl Dennis Kearney & Randy Okan Mary Kavanaugh Gordon & Mary Jane Lee Ronald Loen Terry Mudge Betsy O'Berry Ray Ottman Jeanne Audrey Powers Cynthia Rode	Bonnie Russ Betty Singer Eleanore Troxel Dick Van Deusen Barbara Weaver Scott Weide David K. Wells Jr. Robert W. Winters Cheryl Zitzloff
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