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



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

What: One Voice, in conjunction with the Northern Lakes Arts Association and Minnesota Public Radio, is excited to announce that our 14th annual outreach tour, *Hand in Hand*, is making a stop in Ely on November 18! 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: Fine Arts Theater at Vermilion Community College • 1900 E. Camp St. • Ely, MN 55731

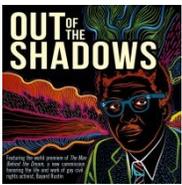
When: Friday, November 18 • 7:00 PM

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 LGBTQ 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 Mountain Iron and Duluth, and on the evening of November 18 at the Fine Arts Theater of Vermilion Community College, presented by the Northern Lakes Arts Association:



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.

Please also join us the morning of Saturday, November 19 for a workshop and discussion on gender and gender identity led by One Voice Production Manager, Anne Hodson, at Vermilion Community College. A time and specific location will be announced soon. All performances and workshops are open to the public and admission is free, though free will donations are welcome!

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.