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"New Directions & Shared Hopes"

Fourth Solo Concert

under the direction of

Denise Bullock & Rawslyn Ruffin

accompanied by

Judi Messina

sign interpreter

Nancy Busch

with special guest emcees

Tori Williams & Sandy Scurria

October 15, 1994

Hamman Hall, Rice University

Program

Sentimental Journey

words & music by Bud Green, Les Brown & Ben Homer
arranged by Hawley Ades

Womonsong

words & music by Lynn Fendler & Nancy Vedder-Shults
arranged by Judy Garcia

Sister

words & music by Cris Williamson
arranged by Susan Hallemann

Harriet Tubman

soloist Denise Bullock

words & music by Walter Robinson (Bright Morning Star)
arranged by Nancy Peterson

Sweet Thames Flow Softly

Kathy Scaman, Rebecca Thompson, Tracy Clark, Kathy Drake

words & music by Ewan MacColl

Graceful Ghost Rag

Judi Messina

music by William Bolcom

Love Will Come to You

Denise Bullock, Rawslyn Ruffin, Marte Parham

words & music by Emily Saliers

Wood River

soloist Cindy L. Swan

words & music by Connie Faldor
arranged by Willi Zwodzesky

On Children

music by Ysaye M. Barnwell
words from *The Prophet* by Kahil Gibran

This We Know

music by Ron Jeffers
words by Chief Seattle

~ Intermission ~

Seven Principles

words & music by Bernice Johnson Reagon

Hay Una Mujer Desaparecida

soloist J. Melissa Blankenship

words & music by Holly Near

Patchwork Quilt

Denise Bullock, Margaret Hale, Judi Messina,
Marte Parham, Rawslyn Ruffin, Kathy Scaman, Cindy L. Swan

words & music by Michelle Lanchester
arranged by Sweet Honey In The Rock
transcription by Rawslyn Ruffin

Let it Be Me

J. Melissa Blankenship, Denise Bullock, Marte Parham, Rawslyn Ruffin

words & music by Emily Saliers

Stompin At The Savoy

words & music by Benny Goodman, Chick Webb, Edgar Sampson
arranged by Teena Chin

When the Mist

Jill Short, Judi Messina

words & music by Jill Short

And So It Goes

J. Melissa Blankenship, Denise Bullock, Marte Parham, Rawslyn Ruffin

words & music by Billy Joel

Music in My Mother's House

words & music by Stuart Stoots
arranged by J. David Moore

Let The River Run

words & music by Carly Simon
arranged by Judi Messina

HeartSong Performing Members

Gail Berkowitz
J. Melissa Blankenship
Denise Bullock
Susan Burt
Nancy Busch
T. W. Curry
Lydia Godfrey

Margaret Hale
Debbie Hunt
Mary Helen Merzbacher
Judi Messina
Marian Newman
Emily Nghiem
Marte Parham

Ava J. Roberts
Rawslyn Ruffin
Kathy Scaman
Jill Short
Cindy L. Swan
Sharon G. Walker

For membership information, please call Margaret Hale @ 869-6217.

HeartSong

In June of 1986 a group of women came together because they shared one commonality, the desire to sing. One year later at their first anniversary party they chose a name for their much beloved group, *HeartSong*. And so the history began.

Eight years have passed since these humble beginnings. Eight years filled with memorable performances. Opening for Kate Clinton (1987), presenting solo concerts in 1988, 1989 and 1990, performing in Kansas City at the Fifth National Women's Choral Festival (1989) and at the inauguration of Texas Governor Ann Richards (January 1991), and hosting the Sixth National Women's Choral Festival which featured a public concert at Jones Hall (November 1991). The chorus has performed at many benefits and celebrations for organizations connected to social issues such as AIDS, reproductive rights, world peace, the elimination of violence towards women, and gay rights.

HeartSong continues to evolve as individuals come and go, each in her own time. With a membership as diverse as the music they sing, their mission statement is simple:

"To sing for the joy of it, affecting others in the community, empowering ourselves and others, and providing opportunity for our musical growth. To sing music that is life and woman affirming, with a priority on music written by women. To sing in a safe space and preserve the integrity and dignity of the group and the music. To be an open, inclusive group without labels, responding to ourselves and our music with spontaneity and enthusiasm."

Denise Bullock

Denise joined *HeartSong* in its first season, bringing a rich background in choral music. She credits her mother for teaching her the art of conducting. Prior to becoming a Co-Director in 1993, she directed the chorus on many occasions. In the pursuit of her lifelong dream, she completed her Masters Degree in Sociology from the University of Houston in 1993 and will begin working towards her Doctorate in the Fall of 1995.

Rawslyn Ruffin

Rawslyn joined *HeartSong* officially in 1992, and until that time inspired the chorus with musical talents she honed while obtaining a Masters Degree in Music Composition from Rice University. She has the distinction of being the first member with a true contralto voice. She became a Co-Director in 1993.

Judi Messina

Judi joined *HeartSong* in 1988 as a singing member, but quickly became the choir's accompanist and arranger. She is a graduate of Bowling Green State University in Ohio. A piano goddess/instructor, her choral background includes membership in various community and college choirs and musical theater groups.

Nancy Busch

Nancy joined *HeartSong* in 1988. She first learned sign language in Austin and later moved to Denton to continue her studies. She provided artistic interpretation at the Fifth & Sixth National Women Choral festivals in Kansas City and Houston. Musical interpretation is Nancy's first love and portrays her heart and soul.

Special Guest Emcees

Tori Williams

Tori is affectionately referred to by *HeartSong* as their "Founding Mother", for it is she who gathered 28 women together in her home one evening in June 1986. She forged the first link in the choir's history. Birthing *HeartSong* is just one in a long list of her accomplishments. One of Tori's greatest talents lies beyond visualization . . . it is in making things happen.

Sandy Scurria

Sandy is best known for her healing skills as a physician. She has been in practice for more than a decade since graduating from medical school in Mississippi and currently has a thriving private practice. What is not well known is that Dr. Scurria is one of the founding members of *HeartSong* and was part of the original group of 28.

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