

VOICES RISING by the SEA

ChoralFest at the Ferry Beach Conference Center, Saco, ME



January 2018

Looking for Musician of the Week

ChoralFest is looking for a musician/choral director to be our Musician-of-the-Week. We were in Ellie Rolnick's expert hands last summer. Ellie plans on coming again this summer but wants to relax and enjoy being an attendee again.

We approached Brad Conner, the music/choir director at the First Parish in Bedford (MA), who was one of our song leaders four years ago, but he had a prior commitment. He has some musicians in mind, as does Ferry Beach Executive Director Cathy Stackpole, but perhaps you know of a choir or choral director that you could recommend.

The ideal candidate should be organized to be able to teach one or two choir pieces in a very short rehearsal time. He or she should also have knowledge of and access to music that is suitable to all faiths. And finally, having a sense of humor, making rehearsals not only productive but fun and eliciting enthusiasm are qualities that all of us appreciate.

If you have a suggestion(s), email Suzanne Adams at sue@gndhome.com. Also email her for a job description for Musician of the Week.



Moon Over Saco

Last weekend's full moon and Biddeford lighthouse as seen from down on the beach in front of Ferry Beach.

Maybe is the answer



Drew Collins, our wonderful artistic and music director the last three summers, is coordinating details and has helped with the copy for the website and conference booklet. We're taking this as a good sign that he will work out conflicts to be able to lead us again this summer. We'll keep you posted.

Kinsey Sicks to headline GAYLA XL

The men of GAYLA asked for something special for their 40th anniversary celebration this summer. Their coordinators, along with Ferry Beach, are thrilled to welcome The Kinsey Sicks, America's Favorite Dragapella® Beauty Shop Quartet, to the GAYLA stage Sunday night during our conference. The New York Times called Kinsey Sicks "the hottest ticket in town". You can read more about them at www.kinseysicks.com.



News from Ferry Beach

Ferry Beach is asking all coordinators to schedule a time at the start of each conference to alert conferees to new life safety and risk management practices to address challenges such as missing people, storms and in our current world



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an active shooter. Also starting this summer, a staff person will be on duty from midnight to morning to be available if there is a problem.

Ferry Beach has a variety of adult and intergenerational conferences scheduled for January, February and March. Go to <http://www.ferrybeach.org/winter-retreats.html> for more information.

Rev. Duncan Teague to be Minister of the Week

Rev. Duncan Teague will be the Minister of the Week during our conference. He advocated for HIV/AIDS education and research coordination before accepting a specific call to lead the establishment of Abundant LUUV Congregation in Atlanta, GA. He also worked as Georgia Equality's Faith Outreach Consultant and with the Freedom to Marry organization during the 2015 Georgia legislative session.



Help spread the word about ChoralFest 2018

One of the best ways to respond to questions about Ferry Beach is to send people to the Ferry Beach website - www.ferrybeach.org. The site is full of information and wonderful photos from all of the weeks in the summer. The link to the ChoralFest page is <http://www.ferrybeach.org/jul-14-20-choralfest.html>.

And don't forget to like us on Facebook and encourage other singers that you know to do the same. The Facebook address is ChoralFest Conference at Ferry Beach. Chances are that the singers you know are friends with other singers so one "like" can really help us spread the word. Thanks!!