

Ladies' Night Out Women's Chorus, Rutland County's Premier Women's Chorus, will be performing their Spring Concert Tour starting April 28 through May 18 at venues throughout Rutland and Winsor Counties. This year's program is "Songs for Children of All Ages." The choir is made up of 20 women from all over the area, some traveling from Pawlet, Dorset and Weston to sing with us. Our pianist is Jacob McLaughlin, 2010 CSC BA in Music, from Chester VT. Directed by Lucy Allen Tenenbaum (BA in Music from Skidmore, 1999), LNO has been offering Spring concerts since 2000, and previously had a series of Christmas performances at Senior Housing centers. 2013 will bring the 4th Annual LNO Women's Choir Advent Concert Series back the weekend after Thanksgiving with concerts in Rutland, West Rutland and Weston with Heidi Soons, Harpist from the VSO.

This spring's program includes children's songs from Aaron Copland's Old American Songs, and Copland's "Boston Six" colleague Irving Fine's Songs from Alice in Wonderland. Gwyneth Walker is always represented at LNO Spring Concerts, and this year is no exception. "Sisters" from Walker's set of 3 songs called "My Girls" with texts by poet Lucille Clifton, will be on the program, as well as the song performed by LNO every spring, our theme song, "How Can I Keep From Singing?" We invite all former LNO singers to join us on stage for that piece, since we program it every year and love to have any of the "Ladies" who sang with us in the past sing with us again!

Other songs on the program include a Brazilian Lullaby, "Tutu Maramba" about a scary forest spider and how to keep him away from your darling baby boy; the much-loved round "Ifca's Castle," in a harmonized arrangement; folk song "Barbara Allen," and from Engleburt Humperdinck's beloved Opera Hansel and Gretel, the "Prayer." No concert of songs that are beloved by so many people of all ages would be complete without "What a Wonderful World." There will be a Spiritual, "Little David Play on your Harp" and a Japanese Children's song about Fireflies, "Hotaru Koi." A special treat for the age group who was young in the 1950s are the girl-group songs "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Mr. Sandman."

Concerts are as follows:

- April 28, Sunday, 2:00: Wallingford UCC (\$5 suggested donation at the door)
- May 3, Friday 7:30: Brandon Town Hall, (Fundraiser for them-\$10/5 suggested donation at door)
- May 4, Saturday 3:00: Pittsfield Federated Church (\$10/5 suggested donation at door)
- May 7, Tuesday 7:30: Castleton Federated Church (\$10/5 suggested donation at door)
- May 10, Friday 7:30: Union Church of Proctor (\$10/5 suggested donation at door)
- May 18, Saturday: 7:30: Weston Church on the Hill, free will offering accepted!