Love and All That Jazz

2012 Love Concert
February 11, 2012

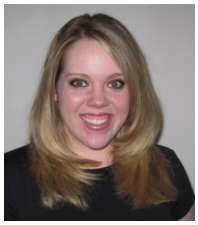
Featuring

James Ramsey is Director of Music and Arts at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch, CO. Additionally, he enjoys working with Opera Colorado as a Music Education Clinician for their Backstage Workshops. Previous opportunities include Music Director of the Littleton Chorale, the University of Colorado Summer Opera Program, Chorus Master for the Colorado Music Festival and Assistant Conductor of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus. James has led tour performances across Great Britain, Germany, Czech Republic, and France. He holds degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and the Eastman School of Music with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder. As an instructor, he has taught at the Denver University, University of Colorado, Whitman College in Washington and Brighton Central Schools in Rochester, NY. James resides in Littleton, Colorado with his wife, Leigh, and their sons, Jack and Luke.

MINISTERS OF SWING

The Ministers of Swing is a full complement Big Band and Jazz Ensemble that plays benefit concerts and dances throughout the year at St. Luke's and in the community. We have a lot of fun jazzin' it up or swingin'. The music level of the ensemble ranges from medium easy to medium difficulty.

Also Featuring the Soprano Effect



Erynn Shryack has been in the arts here in Littleton for 26 years. She attended Heritage High School and received degrees in vocal performance and business marketing at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. During her time at CSU, Erynn performed with CSU's Opera, Musical Theater Department and several of their elite choirs. Erynn currently performs with the Littleton Chorale and offers voice lessons to local musical talent in addition to being a Senior Account Manager for Visa. Erynn lives in Littleton with her husband, Nick and her beautiful 2 year old daughter Cordylia.

Dyani Galligan Dyani grew up singing in Littleton and is delighted to be joining her sister and the Love INC cast in this performance. Graduating from Heritage High, the then attended Macalester College in St. Paul MN h, where she double majored in Economics and Russian, but spent every spare moment in the music department. Dyani work as the Director of eBusiness for Century Link Communications and also participate in the Littleton Chorale. Dyani's greatest loves are her two children Saorise and Tiernan, and Mike her husband.

Elizabeth Stanley is excited to be back singing for Love, INC. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance from the College of Music at the University of Colorado in Boulder, where she found her love of performing opera and early music. After school, Elizabeth performed the lead role of *Susannah* with the Denver Opera Company. She now lives in Parker, Colorado and loves performing with the Parker Chorale and giving of her talent at Parker United Methodist Church. She continues to study voice with Dr. Farland Bottoms. She praises God for her loving parents, her amazing husband, Teig, and their adorable children, Casimir and Iris. "Mommy loves you"!

Krisha Sielaff is happy to be sharing her voice again for Love, INC! She graduated *cum laude* from Colorado State University with a Bachelors of Music in Music Education with an emphasis in Vocal Music, and a certificate in Vocal Performance. Krisha teaches Choir at Cimarron Middle School in Douglas County, but is enjoying taking this year off to spend time with her 10 month old daughter. She loves being a part of the Fine Arts Ministry at Parker United Methodist Church, teaches private voice lessons, and continues to perform locally. Krisha is so grateful for her wonderful family and friends, and the opportunity to help such a wonderful organization as Love INC. She lives in Centennial with her husband Dylan and their beautiful daughter, Maryn.

Love and All That Jazz

Featured Guest Performer

Gabriel Mervine (Trumpet)

Gabe found a love of jazz music while studying the trumpet in grade school. His early influences of big band, jazz and small ensemble swing helped him discover his love of music. Living in Colorado for most of his life, he has been establishing himself as a freelance artist for the past 10 years not only in Colorado and but abroad. Gabe has performed with or worked with Natalie Cole, Christian McBride, Terence Blanchard, Russell Malone, Dan Kuehn the Motet, and Convergence among many others. The Examiner states, "Mervine's ability to play bebop lines at dizzying speed as well as his soulful lyrical phrasing evoke comparisons to juggernauts."