



Bravado Show Choir Announces the release of their Virtual Performance of the song *Refrain*



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Bravado!, Barrie's Show Choir is pleased to announce the release of the Virtual Performance of their newly commissioned piece entitled *Refrain*. Composed by director Marianne Derow, with lyrics written by Bravado!

member Richard Pearson and arranged by Michael Vieira, *Refrain* was completed in preparation for Bravado's concert "They Wrote the Songs" originally scheduled for May 1 and 2, 2020 at Georgian College Theatre.

"They Wrote the Songs" has been postponed due to Covid -19, and will now be presented November 20 and 21, 2020, at Georgian College Theatre.

In true Bravado! fashion a creative solution was set in motion to adapt to the important social distancing directive and still perform this stirring and uplifting song. After a few Zoom rehearsals, choir members each recorded video tracks from their homes. The various tracks were edited by Ryan Harper (www.ryanharper.ca) and the full performance can be accessed and enjoyed starting on May 1, 2020 through this link:

https://youtu.be/RLFqn9TXq_I

Richard Pearson, Refrains 's lyricist, an English teacher at Alliston's Banting high school, and a long time Bravado! Baritone, explains:

The *refrain* is the repeated part of a song – the chorus. Often the *refrain* of life is to repeat what we've done in the past. When that doesn't bring us happiness or fulfilment, then it's time to reframe our lives, and "change old songs to new songs"; only then can we all come together with the music of life.

Bravado! commissioned *Refrain* as part of the larger theme for "They Wrote the Songs ", a showcase of iconic songs and the artistry of the songwriters behind their creation. Like the time-tested, unforgettable melodies to be featured in the concert, *Refrain* is a composition filled with meaning relevant to our times.

The show will include a live performance of *Refrain* , our talented Bravado! Band to keep the beat, special Guests, and the youthful energy of Bravado! Kids.

Tickets are \$25 and will be available from City of Barrie Theatres or from any choir member, as we get closer to the show dates in November.

Bravado Show Choir is generously sponsored by the City of Barrie, Delta Bingo and Gaming Centre, Storage Mart, and Currie Truck Centre.

Our website is www.bravadoshowchoir.com

About *Bravado!*

Bravado!, Barrie's show choir, was formed in 1996 with a vision of creating a multi-artistic experience. Under the musical direction of Marianne Derow, the choir continually challenges traditional notions of choral music by layering vocal excellence with the visual appeal of staging and choreography. *Bravado!* performs all music from memory, getting "off the page" and allowing a more personal connection with their audience. Bravado's choral fusion style transitions fluently from classical through Gospel, Jazz, and Broadway, to Rock without sacrificing musical excellence.

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