

Mandate for Music

Music plays an important role at Jubilee and the variety of music-making has increased with the addition of new forms of worship such as “Definitely Not Church” and “Something Like Church.” In addition to Sunday morning services, Jubilee has sponsored concerts through “The Order of Good Cheer” and special programs put on by the Senior Choir including “Carols by Candlelight,” the “Sing-Along Messiah,” and the Mozart concert. Jubilee also sponsors music-making by supplying performance and rehearsal space for several musical groups, including the Toronto Choristers.

The Mandate for Music offers an opportunity to consider music in all its forms within the context of a five-year plan. Where would we like to be in five years? What steps do we need to take to get there? What do you particularly like about what we’re doing now? What would you like us to consider for the future? Over the next few months, each group within the church will be asked to brainstorm ideas for music, to record these ideas, and to share them with a planning committee. Each individual within the church is asked to consider music at Jubilee, perhaps in the context of the guidelines listed below, and to share responses by sending an e-mail to Rev. Seli - nseli@jubileeunited.ca - We expect to gather all the information before Easter so that on Pentecost we can share a vision for the next five years that represents the collective voice of Jubilee. The Mandate for Music represents a way of considering individual proposals within the context of an overall vision. So make sure your voice is heard! Don’t be afraid to think big thoughts and dream good dreams.

Here are some areas to think about:

- Worship in all its varied forms: kinds of music you would like to have preserved; forms you would like to explore; voices and instruments individually and collectively; ideas for hymns, songs, anthems, psalms.
 - One-off musical events, perhaps associated with Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost: where does your imagination take you if you could have anything you wanted?
 - Programs outside worship, capable of drawing new people to Jubilee as well as entertaining and edifying members of our congregation: genres of music to include, types of concerts, suggestions for improving current programs, ideas for different programs.
 - The grand piano at Jubilee: the instrument receives use for various styles of worship and attracts rental opportunities like the Kiwanis Festival. Are there other uses to which you can see the piano being put?
 - An organ for Jubilee: the present instrument is not likely to last us the next five years and a wise replacement would certainly provide us with a more versatile and richer instrument. Is that what we want? What new opportunities might a worthy instrument open up in terms of worship, concerts by our own musicians, or rental of our sanctuary for concerts, recordings, etc.?
 - Programs involving an orchestra: we have performed works by Beethoven, Handel, Haydn, Mozart—what other possibilities can you envision?
 - Bands and other ensembles: what would you like to hear? In what context?
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- Rap Music
 - Gospel Music
 - Jazz
 - Celtic
 - Modern Praise Music?

When you close your eyes and imagine the best music programme for Jubilee... what is the music that you are hearing? Who is making that music?

Please let us know, and be part of the vision.

Send your email to nseli@jubileeunited.ca and put “Music Mandate” in the header.

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Looking for that special job!!

Want to:

Develop your leadership skills
Contribute to Jubilee's growth and development
Meet new people and have fun

Each year Jubilee has openings for people to lead its programs and activities and this year is no exception. If you are looking for a new challenge, a way to make a difference or simply something to take your mind off the winter blahs, these may be an opportunity for you.

At the moment Jubilee has openings in the following areas:

EVENTS

Each year Jubilee runs many events for members and the community. This year there is an opportunity to lead two of these.

LECTURE SERIES

For the past several years we have conducted a lecture series that has attracted many members of our community and has garnered great reviews. We have heard from representatives of other religions and noted authorities in their fields.

In the past this has been supported and run by the Membership Committee; however, at this time we would like to run it as a separate event program. We require someone to set the theme, organize the dates, obtain the speakers and execute the events.

SPRING CONCERT

In May of 2008 Arthur Wenk and our Choir are planning a musical evening of songs and celebration. We need someone to organize and management the logistics of the evening, including promotion, ticket sales and evening food and festivities around the music.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Each year some of the Chairs of our standing committees move on to other jobs and/or other activities. This year we have two openings in the area of Committee and Council leadership.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Membership Committee sponsors many events at Jubilee, including, the Children's Halloween party, Family Picnic and Canada Day representation. They also undertake initiatives to ensure that new visitors and members at Jubilee are made to feel welcome.

If you would like to chair a committee that is an important part of Jubilee's message and welcoming environment this may be the opportunity for you.

VICE-CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Our Council meets monthly and reviews, considers and decides on many issues of importance to Jubilee. Our current Vice-Chair will be moving up to the Chair of Council come March of 2008 creating an opening for a new Vice-Chair.

If you think that you could contribute to this important position, or know someone that you think would be appropriate, but may need some small encouragement, please get in touch with our Nominating Committee.

ALSO....

In addition to the above leadership positions there are always many opportunities to serve on event organizations and committees in other ways. If you have some time or talent, or both, please consider how you could help.

GETTING IN TOUCH

If you would like to learn more about any of these opportunities and others, or know someone that should want to learn more about them, please get in touch with one of the members of the Nomination Committee:

Joan Neylan (Chair)
Bob Nicholls
Harvey Bride
Mike Flynn

Auroa Hewitt
Dick Patrick
Henry Poutiainen

If you would like to submit your name / suggestions via email please forward to Joan Neylan at jneylan@rogers.com.



Upcoming Events 2008

January

Jan 6 (Sun) 9am – Something Like Church
Jan 6 (Sun) 7:30pm – Definitely Not Church
Jan 7,21 8:35pm – Ulterior Worship
Jan 11 (Fri) 7:30pm – Court Whist with the Friday Nighters
Jan 14 (Mon) 7:30pm – Council Meeting
Jan 18 (Fri) 3-7:30pm – BLOOD DONOR CLINIC
Jan 19 (Sat) 8pm – Peter McCutcheon:Robert Burns Celebration
Jan 25 (Fri) 7:30pm – Order of Good Cheer Big Band Night

February

Feb 3 (Sun) 9am – Something Like Church
Feb 3 (Sun) 7:30pm – Definitely Not Church
Feb 4,18 8:35pm – Ulterior Worship
Feb 8 (Fri) 7:30pm – Friday Nighters : History of the Labyrinth
Feb 11 (Mon) 7:30pm – Council Meeting
Feb 16;18-23;25-28 – Kiwanis Festival
Feb 22 (Fri) – Audrey Grant Bridge Workshop
Feb 26 (Tues) – Order of Good Cheer Evening of Barbershop