

Don't Just Sit There!

June 28—July 1, 2010
Denver, Colorado

Greetings from the United Church of Christ Musicians National Network!

We hope that you have saved the dates for the 2010 conference “Don't Just Sit There!” to be held **June 28th – July 1st in Denver, Colorado.**

*We are excited to announce the **two** keynoters for the event:*



DR. MARCIA MCFEE

Dr. Marcia McFee will join us on Monday evening and for a day-long interactive experience on Tuesday.

Dr. McFee is an author, worship designer and leader, professor, preacher and artist. Her engaging and interactive style has been called “refreshing,” “inspiring,” and “unforgettable.” Marcia combines her background and experience in professional companies of music, theater and dance with a variety of worship and preaching styles in order to bring a fresh experience of the Gospel to each worship setting. Marcia has provided worship design and leadership at numerous national and regional gatherings.

Marcia's passion for helping the church to worship God fully is especially directed toward the education of local congregations. She travels extensively in order to teach regional workshops that are accessible to congregational leaders and worship teams. Participants have commented that these workshops are inspirational as well as practical, no matter the “style” of worship practiced or denomination of the participants. Additionally, Marcia has begun a program of continuing education events in her home town of Lake Tahoe and an on-line subscription to season worship design help.

As well as her experience with local church worship, Marcia specializes in designing and leading conference worship. Over the last 18 years, she has coordinated worship for countless regional and agency conferences. Most recently, she designed and led 22 worship services over a 10 day period for the international quadrennial General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. McFee received a Master's of Theological Studies degree at Saint Paul School of Theology with a concentration in Preaching and Worship, where she recently received the Outstanding Graduate Award from the Alumni Association. She earned a Ph.D. in Liturgical Studies at the Graduate Theological Union with an allied field of Ethics. She has been a guest lecturer and adjunct faculty at nine seminaries and served as the North Texas Conference (UMC) Consultant on Worship & the Arts.

Visit Marcia's website at: www.marciamcfee.com.

MARK HAYES

Christian composer, author, musician, and performer **Mark Hayes** will join us on Wednesday for a plenary, new music reading session, and an evening concert.

As a child of ten beginning his piano studies, Mark Hayes had little idea of the foundation he was laying for his future career in music. From those inauspicious beginnings in northern Illinois, his career has blossomed into international tours to Europe, the Far East, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and Brazil. Now an internationally known writer, his music can be found in the music libraries of the finest churches and universities in the country, and he is in increasing demand for choral clinics and concerts.

Today Hayes' vocal and instrumental writing is widely acclaimed and performed across the nation. He is well-known for his unique choral settings which draw from such diverse styles such as gospel, jazz, pop, folk, and classical to achieve a truly "American sound." The popularity of his music is evident in the numerous offers of commissions he receives from universities and churches throughout the country.

His personal catalog, compiled over the last 32 years, includes well over 700 published original compositions and arrangements, which are distributed by several leading publishers.

Hayes has produced and arranged over 50 recordings for various artists and publishers, 47 keyboard folios, and 20 vocal solo collections.



"Empowering church musicians has always been one of my goals," says Hayes. He lives this out by regularly serving as a clinician at arranging, orchestration, and piano improvisation workshops throughout the country. Because of his creative arranging approach, his performance expertise, and his "hands on" experience as a church pianist for so many years, Hayes is able to give fresh insights into improvisation, accompanying, and congregational hymn playing for the church musician. He is also a co-creator of a multi-level piano method series designed for young church pianists. To further educate and encourage new arrangers and composers, he has served as an adjunct composition instructor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri from 1991-1993.

In addition to his involvement in the sacred and secular choral music fields, Hayes is increasingly sought after as an orchestrator and record producer. Mark Hayes is a recurring recipient of the Standard Award from ASCAP, and his album, "I've Just Seen Jesus," received the Dove Award, the equivalent to a Grammy in gospel music.

Visit Mark's website: www.markhayes.com

ARRIVE EARLY OR EXTEND YOUR STAY IN DENVER!

DENVER is an exciting city, filled with things to see and do. We encourage you to extend your stay (or arrive early!) to experience some of what the city has to offer. The host hotel will be offering your conference room rate both before and after the event! You might want to:



1. Attend a show at the Denver Performing Arts Complex — the second-largest performing arts center in America with opera, theater, dance, and symphony.
2. Cheer on a sports team.
3. Shop the Cherry Creek Shopping District with 500 department stores, art galleries, and shops.
4. Listen to the sounds of whales as you wander among the huge tanks of sharks, stingrays, and colorful tropical fish at the Downtown Aquarium.
5. Explore the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.
6. Visit the Denver Art Museum.
7. Stroll the Denver Zoo with its collection of over 4000 animals.
8. Walk the 16th Street Mall. This mile-long pedestrian promenade is lined with outdoor cafés, restaurants, bookshops and boutiques.
9. Learn history at the Colorado History Museum.
10. For a listing of all there is to do (with a helpful itinerary planner):
www.VISITDENVER.com

REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 15, 2010



Watch your email for the registration announcement and link.

Spread the word!

See you in Denver!

TUESDAY EVENING CONCERT
THE DENVER GAY MEN'S CHORUS
WITH
THE DENVER WOMEN'S CHORUS

We're excited to announce that the Denver Gay Men's Chorus along with the Denver Women's Chorus will be joining us for a concert on Tuesday evening, June 29th.



The Denver Gay Men's Chorus and the Denver Women's Chorus exist to build community through music.

Each Chorus, as it sings, provides educational, cultural and social enrichment for its audiences as well as the members of the chorus.

Founded in 1982, the Denver Gay Men's Chorus has been a beacon of strength and support during strenuous years for the gay and lesbian community. The chorus is a talented choral ensemble that is dedicated to musical excellence speaking through song to issues meaningful to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience. Touching ears and hearts alike, the Denver Gay Men's Chorus and its messages of acceptance and pride continue to be in large demand with diverse audiences. Visit the chorus website at: <http://www.rmarts.org/dgmc.php>

The Denver Women's Chorus was founded in 1984. Its first director, Carol White, was inspired to return to choral conducting by the festival chorus



Denver Women's Chorus

formed to sing at the national PFLAG conference held in Denver that year. Since that time, the Denver Women's Chorus has continued to meet and sing, striving to achieve the goal of its mission.

With origins in the lesbian community, and open to everyone regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, the Denver Women's Chorus is a community chorus of women with equal interests in music and the social environment. The members of the chorus feel that music should challenge and inspire them, balancing the desire to be pushed to better themselves musically while enjoying the experience, each other, and the community created by singing together. Visit the chorus website at: <http://www.rmarts.org/dwc.php>

DID YOU KNOW?

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