

New York Comes to Holland

Holland - On October 4, 2003, the Holland Chorale will kick-off its 44th season with a benefit concert for Hospice of Holland at Christ Memorial Church. This event will be coordinated as part of the international Hospice Event called Voices for Hospice, a 24-hour musical vigil by and for hospices around the world. The concert entitled "Circle of Life" will feature two exciting guest artists from the Broadway production of Lion King. Associate Music Director, Cynthia Kortman, a Holland native, and cast member, Sharon Young, will join the Holland Chorale in presenting this event. Original music from the Broadway Score will be performed under Ms. Kortman's direction, including Circle of Life by Elton John, Endless Night, He Lives in You and Shadow Land. The Hope College Dancers, under the direction of Professor Linda Graham, will also join the concert and perform with the Chorale to Past Life Melodies, a contemporary choral work by Sarah Hopkins.

Cynthia Kortman, a 1989 graduate of Holland Christian High School, received her Bachelor of Music and Piano Performance from Hope College and her Masters of Music in piano performance from Western Michigan University. In 1995, she moved to New York as Music Director for New York Youth Theatre. Cynthia holds a special regard for Hospice of Holland, inasmuch as they have provided care to her own family, and is eager to assist in this unique presentation.

Sharon Young graces our Holland area from Boston, via New York and Los Angeles. Born into a large musical family, her show business career began at age seven, when she entered the Little Miss Roxbury pageant. When the singing group, New Edition, cast her for their hit single Candy Girl, she not only performed with the group, but was also featured on the album cover and has since been known as The Candy Girl. Her singing took her on tour through Japan and later to a move to Philadelphia in a production of Little Shop of Horrors. Sharon has performed with renowned performers such as The Jazz Crusaders' Joe Sample, George Duke, Gerald Albright, Marcus Miller, and the daughter of the late Donny Hathaway, Lalah. In August 2000, she was invited to join the Broadway cast of Lion King, playing the role of Nala. Holland music lovers will be very privileged to hear Ms. Young perform some of that music at this event.

Hospice of Holland provides physical, emotional, and spiritual support for patients and their families during and after a life-threatening illness. This marks the third such time that the Chorale has joined the cause of Hospice of Holland.

Concert Facts:

General seating

Pre-concert talks at 7:00 p.m.

Concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

Christ Memorial Reformed Church 595 Graafschap Road Holland, MI

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12 for Students (K-college)

Tickets are available at the Holland Area Arts Council on 8th St. downtown Holland and

the Offices of Hospice of Holland on Hoover Blvd. For more detailed information or to purchase tickets online, please check out our web site at www.hollandchorale.org]