

SOUNDS GOOD!  
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CHOIR

# *Summer Rocks!*

Jonathan Miller, Artistic Director  
Ren Baldwin, Conductor (SW Michigan)

## **Northbrook**

Sunday, July 28, 2019, 7:00pm  
Temple Beth-El  
3610 Dundee Rd., Northbrook

## **Hinsdale**

Saturday, August 3, 2019, 7:00pm  
The Community House  
415 W. Eighth Street, Hinsdale

## **Southwest Michigan**

Friday, August 9, 2019, 7:30pm  
Heritage Museum & Cultural Center  
601 Main St., St. Joseph, MI

## **Gold Coast**

*Sounds Good and Good Memories*  
Saturday, August 10, 2019, 5:00pm  
Buchanan Chapel at  
Fourth Presbyterian Church  
126 E. Chestnut St., Chicago

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### **The SG Quartet (Chicago area):**

Richard Sladek, piano; Ron Harris, guitar; Brian Sandstrom, bass;  
Chris Crisanti, drums; Amy Wurtz, rehearsal pianist

### **The Band (Southwest Michigan):**

Elizabeth Gray-Roll, piano; Tom Gillespie, guitar;  
Tim King, bass; Chuck Hartzell, drums

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## FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Welcome to *Summer Rocks!*, the 2019 summer concert presented by the Sounds Good! and Good Memories Choirs. Thank you so much for coming to hear us and cheer us on. We have had a great time in rehearsals as we've prepared to perform these songs for you.

One of the cool things that has happened recently is the sharing of our choir experience among family members. We have not only many couples and spouses in our choirs but also siblings singing together. In Hinsdale we even have a family of three – two sisters and a brother – all joining their voices together with us for the first time. What a blast! It's so fun to have these relationships enhancing and expanding our social circles.

I want to give a special welcome to the staff and singers from our newest choir in Southwest Michigan. The staff from the Area Agency on Aging (Lynn Kellogg, Christine Vanlandingham, Amy Nichols, and our wonderful friend and longtime colleague Gloria Bowman) have gone the extra mile to bring Sounds Good! to the St. Joe area. I am also indebted to musical colleagues Ren Baldwin and Elizabeth Gray-Roll for their vital work as we launch this location. Ren is a true servant-leader; the singers in the SW Michigan choir are lucky to get to work such a gifted and warm person.

My amazing wife, Sandy Siegel Miller, directs the program side of the Good Memories Choir. It was her idea to have Good Memories and Sounds Good! perform on the same program this summer, singing exactly the same music for the first time. You will get to have the glorious experience on August 10th of witnessing this incredible singing community of love and support for singers with early-stage dementia.

Congratulations to all 300 enthusiastic singers in this summer program, and thanks again for coming to hear us!

In gratitude,

Jonathan Miller  
Artistic Director

P.S. We'd love for you to come and sing with us. If you're looking for a place to sing, visit us at [www.soundsgoodchoir.org](http://www.soundsgoodchoir.org) and find the Sounds Good choir nearest you!

## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Sounds Good! Choir and all of our wonderful singers, we thank you for joining us today. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Alice E. Dolan, Esq., President, Sounds Good! Board of Directors

## PROGRAM

The concert will be performed without intermission.  
Your enthusiastic applause after each song is appreciated.

<b>Mack the Knife</b> .....	M. Blitzstein, B. Brecht, K. Weill, arr. Russ Robinson
<b>Love Me Tender</b> .....	E. Presley, V. Matson, arr. Roger Emerson
<b>Blame It On The Bossa Nova</b> .....	B. Mann, C. Weil, arr. Kirby Shaw
<b>(Sittin' On) The Dock of The Bay</b> .....	S. Cropper, O. Redding, arr. Gary Eckert
<b>Jersey Boys Medley</b> .....	B. Crewe, B. Gaudio, arr. Ed Lojeski
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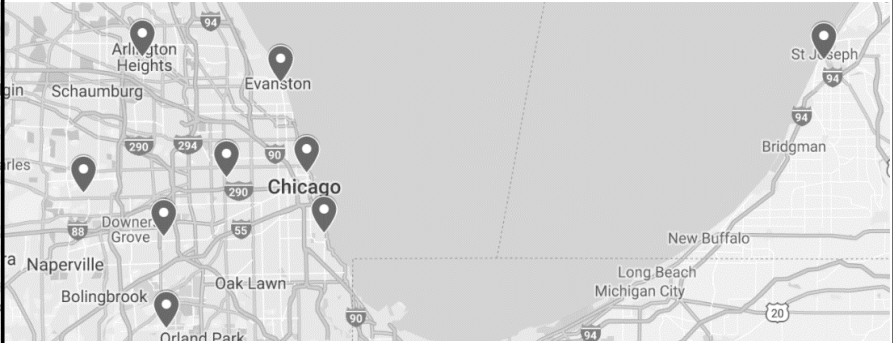
## ABOUT SOUNDS GOOD! CHOIR

**Sounds Good! Choir, NFP** is the Chicago area's leading choral-music organization for older adults. Founded by Jonathan and Sandy Miller in early 2016, the organization has grown quickly to include eight (soon to be nine) *Sounds Good!* choirs that rehearse weekly in the spring and fall, along with summer *Summer Rocks!* choirs and enrichment classes. Sounds Good! serves more than 450 singers with non-auditioned choirs that provide a fun, challenging musical environment under the leadership of professional artists. Sounds Good! provides free community concerts, such as this one, at the end of each session. Sounds Good! choirs have given guest performances at the American Society on Aging's national convention, the International Conference on Aging and Spirituality, and other events.

Our organization also offers the **Good Memories Choir**, a welcoming and uplifting weekly choir for people living with early-stage memory loss, and their care partners, singing together. Good Memories provides a cultural outlet for families living with Alzheimer's or related dementias. Our Gold Coast location rehearses on Tuesday mornings, and we look forward to adding a second Good Memories choir in Evanston this fall on Thursdays. Learn more about this remarkable community at [www.goodmemorieschoir.org](http://www.goodmemorieschoir.org).

Our choirs have been featured recently on NBC Nightly News and in the *Washington Post* as well as *Chicago Jewish News* and *Thrive!* (published by the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago). Learn more about all our work at [www.soundsgoodchoir.org](http://www.soundsgoodchoir.org).

# Our Fall choirs are open. Sing with us!



## Fall 2019 Locations:

- Arlington Heights
- Evanston
- Gold Coast
- Hinsdale
- NEW! Lemont/Homer Glen
- Hyde Park
- Oak Park/River Forest
- Wheaton/Glen Ellyn  
and
- Southwest Michigan

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## Gold Coast

Suzanne Allender	Joyce Elmes	Jack Mattox	Charlotte Rubinstein
Yolanda Ayubi	Jacqueline Falk	Kathy Mattox	Jayne Ruiz
Annette Bacon	Rosalie Fruchter	Dotty Mayer	Adrienne Samuels
Connie Barrett	Judy Gaynor	Meridyth McIntosh	Deloris Sanders
Roger Becker	June Gerdes	Sharon Meltzer	Susan Schaalman
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## Good Memories – Gold Coast

Jeanette Becker	Sheila Fleming	Richard Johnston	Riki Schatell
Roger Becker	Rosalie Fruchter	Lawrence Lewis	Brian Stephenson
Kay Billow	Beth Genet	Valerie Lober	Gail Swift
Mary Blackwell	Elizabeth Grady	Brooke McMillin	Nancie Thompson
Julian Breslow	Jan Harnish	Juliet Melzer	Christina Vasquez
Anna Brothers	Michelle Helm	Joan Miller	Nancy Vincent
Regan Burke	Ann Hicks	Bob Nelson	Shirley Webster
Lambert Cheung	Bob Hovis	Jerry Newton	Maxine Weintraub
Lynn Clark	Helen Hovis	Lorraine Perman	Richard Williams
Veronica Cook	Anne Hunt	Richard Pincus	Jan Wiltsie
Charles Custer	Bruce Hunt	Carol Rosofsky	Arthur Wong
Alice Dolan	Sue Imrem	Iris Rudnick	Barina Zado
Karen Finesilver	Joyce Johnston	Edna Schade	

## Hinsdale

Catherine Bachman	Diane Falk	Ort Kolewe	Linda Slepicka
Priscilla Barbier	Patricia Foltz	Patricia Kolewe	Karen Sonnamaker
Janet Barrett	Sharon Frolick	Irvin Kraus	Mary Beth Speer
Susan Barton	Laura Fruit	Marty Kraus	Michael Speer
Betsy Bennett	Marian Gabriel	Alyn Lawrence	Christina Stansbury
Arthur Biladeau	Herb Gordon	Hyma Levin	Karen Stoner
Susan Binks	Joan Gordon	Mary Lewis	Cindy Swanson
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Connie Arend	Deanna Deaton	Mary Kynast	Vicki Riordan
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**Hyde Park:** Joy Rosner

**Gold Coast:** Dotty Mayer

**Oak Park/River Forest:** Barbara Hausman

**Wheaton/Glen Ellyn:** Jenna Eisenberg

**Evanston:** Rosie Rees and Judy Solomon

**Arlington Heights/Northbrook:** Maria Ressler

**Hinsdale:** Jim Lavin (summer: Jenna Eisenberg)

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Alice Dolan (President), Birnie Harper (Treasurer), Deanine McGill (Secretary), Nancy Vincent, Martrice Caldwell, and Douglas Lieberman

*Thank you all for your service. Three cheers!*

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A community of compassion and  
joy for persons with early-stage  
dementia and their care partners,  
*singing together*

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- Gold Coast (Tuesday morning)
- Evanston (Thursday afternoon)

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## STAFF MUSICIAN BIOGRAPHIES

**Jonathan Miller** (Artistic Director & CEO) and his wife Sandy Siegel Miller founded Sounds Good! in early 2016. As artistic team leader, Jon leads or co-leads five Sounds Good! Choirs as well as the Gold Coast location of the Good Memories Choir. Working with older adults is Jon's second major entrepreneurial choral venture; in June 2020 he will complete 27 years as founding artistic director of Chicago a cappella, the professional vocal ensemble. A leader in Jewish choral music, Jonathan manages the Max Janowski catalogue, serves as high-holiday cantor at Congregation Rodfei Zedek in Hyde Park, and is part of the worship team at West Suburban Temple Har Zion in River Forest. A former board member of Chorus America, Jonathan is also an auctioneer for charity events.

**Beth Gray-Roll** (Pianist, SW Michigan) is in her ninth year as choir director for Upton Middle School and St. Joseph High School. She has a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a Master's degree from Western Michigan University in Music Education. Beth is very involved with choirs in the community including the Southwest Michigan Symphony Chorus, the semi-professional coral group Chorallenium, and her husband's church choir at Saron Lutheran Church. She also enjoys directing both middle and high school musicals for St. Joseph Public Schools, most recently *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Annie Jr.* In her spare time, Beth enjoys spending time with her husband Marcus, daughter Piper, and son Finnegan.

**Ren Baldwin** (Conductor, SW Michigan) comes to Sounds Good! following a 42-year career with St.

Joseph Public Schools. Ren received his Bachelor of Music degree from Anderson University and Master of Music Education/Choral Conducting from Ball State University. When Upton Junior High opened in St. Joseph, MI, in 1969, Ren began his teaching career and was responsible for Bands, Choirs, and Music Appreciation classes. Upton's first choir, the Uptones in 1969, had 12 students. Ren guided the growth of the choral program and, when the 9th grade was moved to the high school in 1976, the Freshman Choir was 130 voices strong. He was privileged, for 18 years, to work closely with Dennis Bowen, feeding junior high and middle school choral students into the high school choral program. The highlight of those years was always the combined Upton/High School Christmas Choral Program. In the early 1980's while continuing his teaching career, Ren and his wife Phyllis opened a computer business which fueled his interest in technology. Ren began sharing his music teaching time with introducing computer use into the classroom. After 28 years in music rehearsal rooms and computer labs, Ren moved into technology administration and spent the final 14 years in St. Joe as Director of Technology. In 2004 he was named Michigan Technology Director of the Year. Ren and Phyllis have one daughter, a St. Joe grad who lives with her family, three girls and a boy, in Concord, OH. In retirement, Ren continues to educate, as he teaches, again alongside Dennis Bowen, in the senior computer learning program at the Area Agency on Aging. He also serves on the St. Joseph Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library Board of Trustees and is a member of St. Joseph Lions. Ren

remains deeply committed to St. Joseph Public Schools and serves on the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors.

**Richard Sladek** (Rehearsal Pianist for Hinsdale; performing in all Chicago-area Rocks! concerts) enjoys bringing audiences a range of music from classical and contemporary masterworks to ragtime, jazz, and favorites from the great American songbook. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Piano from the Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University. He has also been the recipient of several awards including those from the Chicago Musical Arts Club, and the Grace Welsh National Piano Competition. Professionally, he has served as staff accompanist for Columbia College, and the Second City National Touring Company. As musical director/composer for 16 years with the nationally acclaimed education theater troupe Wavelength, he performed for over 100,000 educators in North America, and Europe. He has recorded two solo piano CDs, "Piano Celebration" and "Ragtime Classics." When not performing, Mr. Sladek

privately coaches and encourages young aspiring pianists. He also presently serves as choir accompanist for the First Christian Church of Downers Grove, and plays keyboard for the renowned Beatles tribute band, American English. Find him at [www.ChicagoPianist.com](http://www.ChicagoPianist.com).

**Amy Wurtz** (Rehearsal Pianist for Gold Coast/Northbrook/Good Memories) is the original accompanist for the Sounds Good! musical team, having participated in the very first rehearsals in April 2016. Amy composes, teaches and performs throughout Chicago and the Midwest. Her compositions have been commissioned and performed by Zeitgeist, Access Contemporary Music, the Chicago Composers Orchestra and others, and her first two string quartets were recorded and released on CD by the Chicago Q Ensemble in 2012. Amy produced the successful 2019 Impromptu Fest for New Music Chicago, overseeing eight concerts at the new Guarneri Hall in the Loop. She is a board member of New Music Chicago and the Music Director at Hemenway United Methodist Church in Evanston.

ANOTHER HUGE THANKS TO OUR BANDS!

**Gold Coast, Northbrook, and Hinsdale:** Richard Sladek, piano; Ron Harris, guitar; Brian Sandstrom, bass; Chris Crisanti, drums

**Southwest Michigan:** Elizabeth Gray-Roll, piano; Tom Gillespie, guitar; Tim King, bass; Chuck Hartzell, drums

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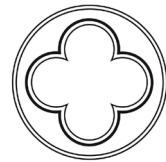
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*May their memories be an ongoing inspiration to us all.*

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