

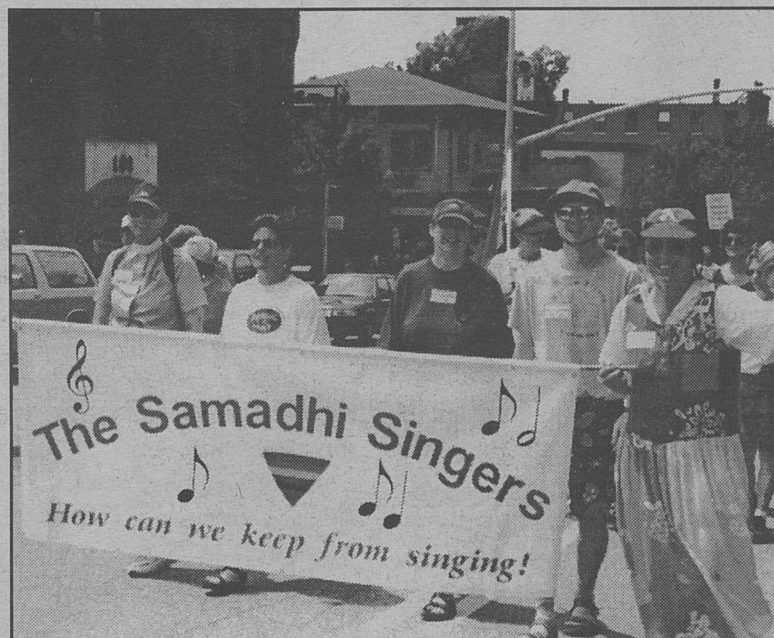
## Samadhi Singer Sing for Pride

BY JADE WOLFE

Directors Christine Leslie and George Reynolds and the Samadhi Singers performed musical magic Friday night, June 15. The concert was an appropriate opening for the weekend's Pride festivities in Burlington. In spite of the oppressive heat, the choir's voices filled the air bringing welcome diversion and inspiration for all to enjoy.

Selections ranged from Broadway hits to classic choral favorites. On two numbers, skilled piping added to the charm of the Samadhi Singers tones. Many of the songs featured soloists: Michael Brown, Wayne Hobbs, Anne Clark, Josh Slade, Pasha Rivers-McMahon, and ChrisLeslie. A duet featured Chuck Franklin and George Reynolds. Adding touches of class to the music were clarinet and penny whistle.

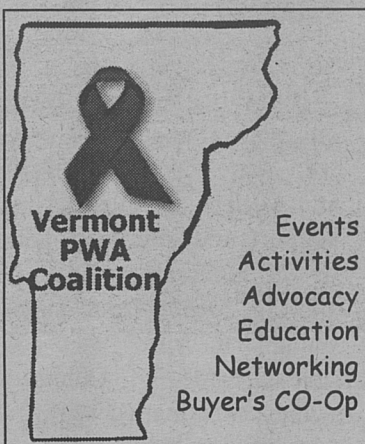
The evening's finale was a performance of "These Green Mountains", the newly-dedicated Vermont State Song written by Diane B. Martin. Ms. Martin attended and



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offered this reflection "tonight, as I listened to the Samadhi Singers' beautiful rendition, I heard the line 'look with pride on the golden dome' in a way I never had before. I felt proud that the song crossed all borders to include every Vermonter, and the meaning of 'pride' within the song took on a new significance. It is my hope that Vermont's gay community can embrace the song and sing it proudly".

All of the evening's proceeds were donated to the RU12 organization.



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