

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Take note of these important 2020 dates. Changes will be made as new information is received.

- Mar 11 Music Committee Meeting
- Mar 18 Executive Meeting
- Mar 28 Chorus Coaching with Jay Althof (9:30-2:00)

Upcoming Performances:

- April 6 Chorus Show for U Multicultural Channel - **CANCELLED**
- May 30 Chorus performance in Gimli (afternoon/evening)

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PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Please send any information for publication to Krista by **Saturday noon** at:

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Thanks, Krista ☺



QUOTES 4 U

Shared by Les Creek

"The truth is that a singer is actually composing the music every time he or she sings it".

- Larry Ajer

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REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - MARCH 11, 2020

From Duncan Zaluski

- 6:50 – 6:59 Assemble at seats, make sure music (if needed) is ready
- 6:59 – 7:00 Take a couple of Deep Breaths and relax, the music is about to start
- 7:00 – 7:20 Warm up
- 7:20 – 7:35 We will go over these songs (hopefully) One Time
(Songs listed in alphabetical order only)
Blue Moon(s)
Can You Feel the Love Tonight
Daydream
Dream Lover
Harmony Collage
I'm Feeling Fine
Imagine
Irish Blessing
O Canada
Shenandoah
Under the Boardwalk
When I'm 64
- 8:20 – 8:40 Business Meeting & Break
- 8:45 – 8:55 Barber Polecat: Sweet, Sweet Roses of Morn
- 9:00 – 9:40 Finish going through the songs, then Directors Choice
- 9:45 Draw, Keep the Whole World Singing, Clean up
- NEXT WEEK: Maintaining our Performance Repertoire
Continuing with Dream Lover
Continuing with the Barber Pole Cat Program
Your Ad Here only \$4.99 Ask me how...
And More.....



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

From Paul Bullock



This is going to sound a bit strange at this time of year, however, the planning for our Christmas season starts many months in advance. For several years, our Christmas performances have included a joint show with the Sweet Adelines as well as individual shows at churches. We are seeking new ideas for Christmas performances and alternatives to our current approach.

The chapter wants your input. If you have an idea for a different type of performance venue, please catch the ear of anyone on the executive or the music team. We'd like to decide soon so that we can focus our Christmas music selection to include songs appropriate for the venues.



SINGING AND MUSIC THEORY - ONLINE RESOURCES 4 U

From Krista Hanis-Gervais and Henry Graham

Last week at rehearsal, the idea came up to share different online resources that can help improve members' singing and music theory background. I would like to add a page to Notes 4 U, just before the Editorial Page, that will list these resources.

So, this is a formal call for input from members that are currently using different phone apps, or websites that help them to become better musicians, to share these resources with the chorus. Please, when providing an online resource, provide a brief description of what the resource has to offer our members.

Here is our first online resource, courtesy of Henry Graham:

Perfect Ear - Music theory, ear and rhythm training - EDuckAppsSV

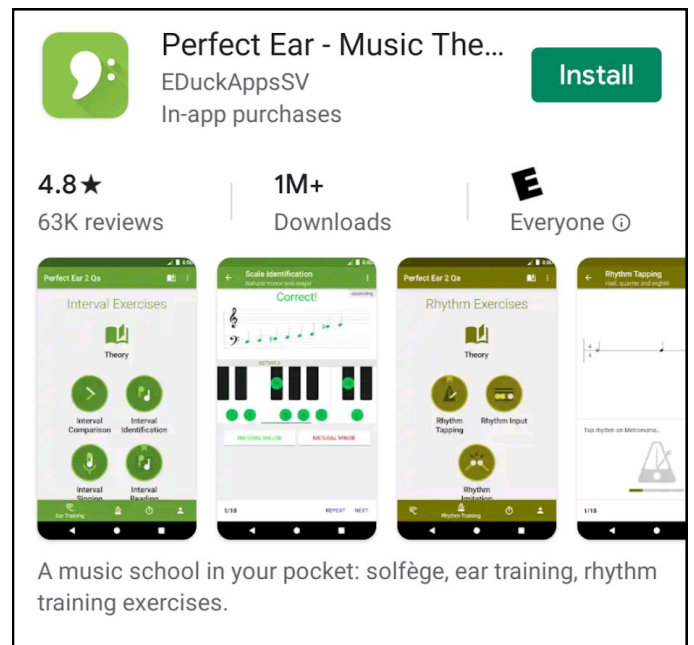
This is a free Android program for learning perfect pitch and rhythm exercises as well.

This program includes:

- A) Staff training , absolute pitch training, note singing training and even fretboard training. Also includes Theory on "Circle of Fifths"
- B) Rhythm theory, tapping and imitation
- C) Pitch training - Theory, interval comparison, interval identification, interval singing, and reading - Scale Theory, identification, Scale reading and Melodic dictation
- D) Chord identification, inversions, reading and progressions

Author is Alexander Osmanov

For Android, I think this is the most complete trainer we'll need.



UPDATE ON THE MUSIC LIBRARY

From Wendy Lamont

Just a quick note to tell you that I have enjoyed organizing the sheet music for our Chapter. There was a lot that needed to be catalogued but I am happy to report that the music has now all been sorted alphabetically; some of which is already filed at the Church. As some of you may know, the file cabinets are in pretty bad shape so Paul and I have already donated one of our old cabinets (in better shape) and will be donating a couple more in the upcoming weeks to house our music collection.

I would like to thank Gayle for helping sort music, Duncan for his answers to my many queries, Paul for his brawn in slugging boxes to and from the Church and Krista for offering her assistance as well in carrying boxes. I would also like to thank our Directors, Sherrie and Larry and Chorus members for their patience during this transition.

It will take a few more weeks to switch up the cabinets and get the music moved from our house to the Church so bear with me while this occurs. I will do my best to make this transition as smooth as possible.

One more thing, when you receive the Notes 4 U, if you find that you are missing any of the music listed for that week's rehearsal, feel free to drop me a note at wendyilmac@gmail.com and I will ensure you have what you require at the beginning of the rehearsal.

Thanks All.

APPLAUSE PLEASE!

From Paul Bullock

Our weekly rehearsals have been going very well. We're learning music and singing together while having fun and fellowship. Please remember to say thanks to the people that help make this happen.

- To Duncan, Larry H and Sherrie, we appreciate all the preparation you do and your leadership in the rehearsal each week. This goes to the section leaders as well for the valuable role you play in helping us learn our parts.
- To Wendy for taking on the organization of the sheet music in our library and ensuring that everyone has what they need for each rehearsal.
- To Len and Norm for refreshments and the 50/50 draw at the end of the evening.
- To Les for your time setting up the sound equipment, making and editing the recordings and sharing them with us.
- To Brian and Krista for reviving "Getting to Know You" and Brian for keeping us updated on our members and Krista for getting the newsletter published each week. This information is a valuable part of our weekly fellowship.
- To everyone who helps set out and put away the chairs, risers and piano for every rehearsal. 'Many hands make light work'.

Thanks!



GETTING TO KNOW ... HENRY GRAHAM

I grew up in the small Western Manitoba village of Binscarth, a population of 500 people and rich history in recreational hockey, and Manitoba Senior A baseball team the Binscarth Orioles and provincial champions in 1973, with NHL goalie Ron Lowe as our 1st baseman, and a home grown pitcher Garth Nevelle who played on Team Canada during the Pan AM games. Ron Lowe was a Toronto Maple Leafs goalie, who also established a summer power skating clinic in Foxwarren for players looking to develop their mobility and learn what it takes to become and NHL caliber player. His helper at these clinics was Butch Goring from the New York Islanders.

Binscarth had another part of Manitoba History attached to the town, In 1964, the year I was born, Binscarth residents narrowly defeated (by ten votes) a proposal to rename itself Seekaywye, after the Winnipeg radio station CKY. If successful, the station would have promoted Binscarth/Seekaywye as a vacation resort. CKY also offered the same deal to La Riviere, Manitoba, who also said no.

For many years, the radio frequency of CKY 580 was remembered in local business names the 580 Hotel and 580 Plumbing and Heating. Today Binscarth is known for its' Olympic sized heated outdoor pool and recreational park.

My father, and his brother, grew up in Foxwarren, and worked on the family farm. Dad's career choice was medicine, however, he was drafted into Canadian Armed Forces mid term, leaving his brother to run the farm. Dad wanted to become a pilot in the airforce, however, each time he tried to promote himself, they kept referring to his near perfect scores in navigation and thus stationed him back in Winnipeg to become a navigator trainer for the allied British Commonwealth Air Training program at 17 Wing. He graduated his class, then the War ended. Part of the training included bombing runs, which were simulated by attaching a camera onto the bottom of the plane and by sticking to a specific elevation, the camera captured 1 square mile photos of land sections. These images were later used by Natural Resources to accurately provide topical maps of Manitoba. His final military duty was granted to him by his grandson who had his granddad pin his wing on his uniform at his Navigation graduation ceremony.



After flying troops back home, he switched from medicine to working in road construction and in 1953 acquired his own equipment to start his own business with his brother, and together they successfully established many of the northern Manitoba roads we enjoy today. But after all his equipment was destroyed by a fire, the company dissolved and dad once again returned to philanthropy work (was once a Grand Master Mason) and farming. All was set for many years till I turned 5 and everything changed. Dad was asked by the local dentist to assist him in his campaign to represent Birtle Russell constituency in the upcoming election. Dad agreed to help and the dentist managed to convince a young upstart to move to Russell to take over his practice.

The new dentist changed his mind to stay as the tools he was working with were left handed and he was not. So, with the challenged of establish a left handed dentist willing move to rural Manitoba, resulted in dad switching positions, and he successfully

won a Provincial seat in 1969. He went on to serve in Government for 11 years with four of them as Speaker. Part of this honour includes having a self portrait painting hang along the hallway walls of the Legislature.

As a child in a small town, play consisted of corralling your friends, riding bicycles around town, the valley, Binscarth pool, or siver creek or the Assiniboine River (a 6 mile bike ride), with gear in tow. Never really though much about what we would do with the fish if we caught some, but that never happened at the river.



At least not with my friends anyway. In the winter, farmers would donate their time and knowledge of our Canadian winter past time sport to help bring hockey into our lives. They would drive us in small groups from town to town for games, and even billet us in Saskatchewan communities over a weekend tournament which was a memorable experience. We even had a team from Winnipeg come to Russell to play in their tournament,

A few years later, I rode a Greyhound bus to Winnipeg to visit them at theirs Upon high school Graduation, I moved to Winnipeg permanently. I stayed with my dad in his apartment for two years attending and graduating from Red River College with a Computer Technology diploma. Spent a few more years as single bachelor living with my manager from Radio Shack who, eventually became my match maker. He, along with his girlfriend introduced me to my lovely wife whom in June of this year will have enjoyed 30 years of marriage together. We have three wonderful boys, 35 yrs, 28 yrs, and 25 years respectively. Currently all are home, but the eldest, a trained Forrest Ranger and Wildlife preservation officer, returns to his post at Grasslands National Park in March.

Watching your kids grow can be rewarding, but helping them grow through volunteering is a much greater reward. I am proud to have coached all my boys in baseball, helped as a leader in Scouts Canada being a part of their beaver and cub scout experience (10+ years), and even tried to be a part of their tackle foot-ball (bad move on my part – no clue on what I was doing, but trying to learn).



As is the case for everyone there are ups and downs in life, my wife is a breast cancer survivor, and I am still learning how to manage the changes that continues to bring. To aid in recovery we acquired a dog to share walks, and common ground in working together, when little is as it was, and you come to accept that you cannot fix this.

My working life began in sales, and, due to things both in and not in my control, a career change resulted in me taking the path of my grandfather and I began a new career in carpentry as I felt I needed a retirement plan that allowed me to control my retirement income through being my own boss in something I liked doing. After one year apprenticing with MJ Carpentry, the work slowed and his cabinet supplier took me on to apprentice in cabinetmaking. I am now a journeyman Cabinetmaker, with a diverse skill set in both construction and finish work.

Other jobs I have held in my decorated resume include, Roadshow Sound DJ, CFRW Radio audio operator, computer specialist, professional sales associate, network administrator for a Provincial Government point of service revenue collections software program. Additionally, I have been a hospitality solutions sales, dealer sales representative, and production manager.

Personal recreational sports included, hockey, curling, golf, and in Winnipeg, beer league baseball, touch football, Shaw Spotlight camera, and audio capture study and work, and River City Sound.

In summary, I enjoy helping people to a fault, laughing, playing, teaching, and now singing. I am a self taught troubleshooter, but know when to call in the experts when I am not equipped both mechanically or when I would be in over my head. I strive to be honest, but, being a computer salesperson, as the saying goes, I will never know I am lying.

I wake up with a desire to make people smile, if not through, facial expression, dry humour, or actions. It might be possible through song, as long as I don't sing off key.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of this group and hope that you feel the same.



~ March 2020 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Regular rehearsal	5	6	7
8 <i>Daylight Savings Time Starts</i>	9	10	11 Music Committee Mtg Regular rehearsal	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Executive Meeting Regular rehearsal	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Regular rehearsal	26	27	28 Chorus coaching with Jay Althof (9:00 - 2:30)
29	30	31				

~ April 2020 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Music Committee Mtg Regular rehearsal	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Executive Meeting Regular rehearsal	9	10 <i>Good Friday</i>	11
12	13	14	15 Regular rehearsal	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Regular rehearsal	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Regular rehearsal	30		

River City Sound

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2020 Chapter Executive

President: Paul Bullock
Executive VP: vacant
Past President: Bruce Wilton
VP Membership & Chapter Development: Larry Bredesen
VP Music & Performance: Duncan Zaluski
VP Marketing & Public Relations: Drummond Brown
Secretary: Charles Siegel
Treasurer: Bruce Wilton
Chorus Manager: Chris Magas

Board Members at Large

Ken Broadfoot, Les Creek, Shirley Christie, Gayle Whar-ton, Henry Graham

2020 Music Committee

VP Music & Performance: Duncan Zaluski
Co-Directors: Sherrie Bredesen & Larry Hunter
Assistant Director: vacant
Tenor Section: Duncan Zaluski
Lead Section: Chris Magas
Bass Section: Larry Bredesen, Asst. Bruce Wilton
Baritone Section: John Latham

2020 Leadership Positions

Accountant: Gary Miles
Attendance & 50/50: Norm Silverberg
Awards Banquet Chairs: Gary & Ricki Miles
Charities: Harold Casselman
Church Xmas Chorus: Bruce Wilton
Learn To Sing Program: Les Creek, Len Paluck, Paul Rondeau
Grey Cup Pool Chair: Ken Broadfoot
Historian: Gordon Billows
Music Librarian: Wendy Lamont
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Program Director: Duncan Zaluski
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Sing Canada Harmony: Gordon Billows
Sunshine: Brian Metcalfe
Wardrobe: Les Creek, Charlie Siegel, Louise Malo
Website: Chris Magas
Youth Outreach: Drummond Brown
2021 Show Producer: Les Creek
2021 Show Chairman: vacant
Chapter Advocate for the Winnipeg Chapter: Gordon Billows