



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

September 9 Executive Meeting (5:30 p.m.)

October 28 Virtual BOTY (7:00 p.m.)

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PERMANENT ZOOM REHEARSAL LINK

Join our online Zoom rehearsals every Wednesday with this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84457343549pwd=ZGJmeUIJT XI5Nnp1Ly9sNGQxYkxPUT09>

Meeting ID: 844 5734 3549
Password: 974496

CHORUS REHEARSAL PLANS AND UPDATE

From Paul Bullock

We certainly had a great start to the fall zoom rehearsals last week. Not only was there singing but also decisions on upcoming music and the BOTY date (October 28 via zoom). Plus, we had a guest, (Pat Frantz, who is Mae Denby's long-time friend) who joined us to try out a rehearsal.

After the success of our "Dream Lover" video, we're moving ahead with two more video projects this fall. Now that we are seasoned "video stars", we all know the process that is involved. We're going to follow the same steps. We hope that "Dream Lover" will inspire a few more members to participate.

Step 1. Record an audio track for "Bridge Over Troubled Water". Use headphones or ear buds to sing along to the track for your part. Send it to your section leader for review. *Deadline: September 30.*

Step 2. While the "Bridge" audio track composite is being compiled, record a video of the selected Christmas song (TBD ASAP). There will be a mixed audio track available to play while you sing along during the video (attire for the video TBD). No headphones or ear buds required. *Deadline: October 14.*

Step 3. Record a video of "Bridge Over Troubled Water". No headphones or ear buds required. *Deadline: October 28.*

Then we can gather, with our significant others, at the zoom BOTY on the evening of October 28 and revel in our latest accomplishments. The goal is to have the 2 videos compiled by mid-November. In addition, we expect to contribute one or two of our 2019 Christmas songs that were recorded last year to the District's Christmas video project. That would give us access to a video Christmas show featuring choruses throughout the District.

During the fall, the rehearsals will focus on preparation for the videos as well as introducing Christmas music. "Jingle Bell Rock", "Slow Rockin' Christmas" and "(Everybody's Waiting for) The Man With the Bag" are on the list. We'll be utilizing some of the recorded warmups from the Society and have approached the BHS Staffers to contribute sessions at some rehearsals.

So, we have lots to celebrate and lots to look forward to this year. "What is it?" "It's gr-r-reat to be a barbershopper!"

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

VIRTUAL SINGING WEEK 13

From Duncan Zaluski

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE: ALL OF YOUR NEW MUSIC, CURRENT REPERTOIRE, BARBERPOLECAT SONG

6:55 – 7:05	Login and greetings
7:05 – 7:25	Warm Up – Kim Newcombe – Vocal warmup
7:25 – 7:40	Can't Help Falling In Love
7:45 – 8:10	Bridge over Troubled Water
8:15 – 8:25	Business Meeting & Break
8:30 – 8:40	Stand By Me
8:45 – 9:00	Directors Choice



Please make sure to dig out your Christmas music, the first 2 will be "Merry Christmas Darling" and "I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"



Current Show Repertoire:

Blue Moon(s)
Can You Feel the Love Tonight?
Daydream
Dream Lover
Harmony Collage
Hello Mary Lou
I'm Feeling Fine

Imagine
Irish Blessing
O Canada
Shenandoah
Under the Boardwalk
When I'm 64



WINNIPEG CHAPTER HISTORY

From Gordon Billows

Over the coming months, Winnipeg members will be viewing some “historical” documents and pictures in Notes 4 U. These historical treasures have been accumulating in the St. Andrews basement and in my computer room for many years. I thank those of you who have contributed some of these items. As we continue to preserve Barbershop music, we will also continue to preserve our Chapter’s rich history.

In this Notes issue you will see scans of the original **Petition for the Organization of a Chapter in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada** - dated June 23, 1948. It includes a hand written listing of members, their addresses and their occupation, business or professions.

When I first saw the listing, I discovered that one of the members was the father of Paula’s cousin’s husband. Quite possibly, some of you might recognize family names of former friends and classmates, etc. It’s a small world, eh!

It is certainly revealing to see how the Barbershop Harmony Society, the Winnipeg Chapter, and most other social and business organizations have progressed from 1938 to the present time. The original Barbershop charter was written exclusively for white, male members. It reflected the views of that time period. By contrast our Society is now completely inclusive and is actively promoting **Everyone in Harmony**. Statements in the current Society Code of Ethics include 'The Society aspires to preserve for its members and for all future generations of prospective members, the sacred right of **all people** to seek haven from the burden of their daily cares through indulgence in old-fashioned vocal quartet harmony', and 'We shall accept for membership only congenial **persons** of good character who love barbershop harmony or have a desire to harmonize'. There has been a significant evolution in the Winnipeg Chapter over the past 72 years. Our Barbershop Harmony Society and River City Sound Chorus are now all-inclusive and welcome people of all ages, races, genders and orientations. We are truly a richer Society and chorus because of that inclusivity - **Everyone in Harmony**.

<https://www.barbershop.org/about/everyone>



Petition for the Organization

of a

Chapter in WINNIPEG. MANITOBA. CANADA
(City) (State, or Province)

of

Society for the Preservation and Encouragement
of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE
18270 GRAND RIVER AVENUE
DETROIT 23, MICHIGAN

S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc.
 18270 Grand River Ave.
 Detroit 23, Michigan

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA CANADA.
 City and State, or Province)
 JUNE 23, 1948
 (Date of Application)

Gentlemen:

Acting in the belief that a chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Inc. established in WINNIPEG would be to the best interests of this community and

that it would bring to our citizens an opportunity to find new pleasure in reviving the old songs and to become identified with a movement for the preservation and encouragement of a traditional American form of folk music—the barber shop quartet;

that it would develop a spirit of fellowship, friendship and cooperation for the good of our members and for the community at large;

that it would provide an instrumentality by which its members might promote community service and contribute through singing to altruistic causes and to patriotic events;

that there are available enough men of high character and with an appreciation of good music to meet the charter membership requirement, carry on the activities of a local chapter and to fulfill all obligations to the International Society;

that if such a chapter is formed in this community it will become a worthy part of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Inc.;

we, as representative citizens, give our unqualified endorsement to the movement and petition the International officers to charter a Chapter of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc. in WINNIPEG to which end we pledge our active support, and our firm determination to abide by all the tenets of the Society's Code of Ethics, its Constitution and By-Laws, and all rulings of the Board of Directors.

It is a requisite that all signers of this petition for charter, and all members taken into the chapter subsequently, be male, white, and of good character.

Name	Mail Address	Occupation, Business or Profession
J. G. allrich	277 Wilwood Park	aviation Engineering Bureau Ltd. manager
J. Brennan	41 Inager Drive	CLERK.
Singhis	77 Lupton St.	Ford Motor Co.
J. Deane	297 Parkville St	Genl. M. Deane & Co. Ltd.
C. Hawksworth	641 Union Ave.	City Employee
J. M. Laro	252 Morley Ave	ENB Employee

Note: A check covering the charter fee of \$10.00, the deposit of \$3.00 on a Chapter Reference Manual, the per capita tax on the charter members @ \$3.00 per man (minimum of 16 charter members required to qualify for a charter) and sufficient supplies of song binders, membership certificates, pocket cards, "Harmonizer" mailing envelopes, and stationery at prices shown in current price list, also a copy of the tentative Chapter Constitution you have adopted and a complete list of your temporary officers and their mailing addresses—should accompany this petition and be mailed to Carroll P. Adams, International Secretary 18270 Grand River Avenue, Detroit 23, Michigan. The \$3.00 per capita tax mentioned above includes the "Harmonizer" subscription fee of \$1.00 per year. Be sure that the list of officers you send us includes your representative, or representatives, on the Board of Directors of the District to which your Chapter belongs.

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Name	Mail Address	Occupation, Business or Profession
✓ A. M. Schwen	30 Monterey Apts	Post Accountant
x Ross Miller	288 Wildwood Park	Travelling Freight Representative
✓ W ^m E. Polden x	7-516 Maryland St	Grain Clerk
✓ W. M. McLean	56 Ruston Ave.	Chief Draftsman
✓ C. C. Gyslop	593 Bannerman Ave.	Secretary
✓ H. A. Smith	1607 Alexander Ave.	Machinist
✓ J. Art. Gallie	473 Kingston Cres.	Grain Broker
✓ Ed. Stepter	893 Dominion	Sales
Don Wright	994 Sherburn St.	manager
E. Horne McMillan	301 Nokomis Bldg	Linotype (Trade) Mgr.
A. R. Napper	204 CPR DEPOT.	CHIEF CLERK
Les Garside	CHILD'S BLDG.	BROADCASTING SERVICE
Geo. Oliver	639 ST JOHN'S AVE WINNIPEG	P. O. CLERK.
Russ Le Beau	MIDWEST PAPER SALES ELGIN AVE. WPG.	SALES MANAGER
V. L. LEATHERDALE x	732 KENNEDY ST.	UNDERTAKER
L. B. SPEECHLY	1057 PALMERSTON AVE.	ADJUSTER

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Name	Mail Address	Occupation, Business or Profession
F. S. Langdale	Ruicrest, P. O.	Accountant - Train Service
Glaude B Main	661 PEMBINA HWY	HATCHERY MANAGER.
Frank H. Miller	155. William Ave.	Manager
Arch Meunier	100. Brook St.	Manufactures Agri
Jimmy Middleton	251 Oakwood Ave.	Sales Mgr. Discount Store
H. P. Power	169 Hill St	Dist. Equip. Super
J. H. H. H. H.	124 Lenox St	Manager
R. H. H. H.	579 Wardlaw Ave	Barista
J. Smith	71 VIVIAN AVE ST. VITAL.	Acc't BANK
A. A. Steven	11 Buntington Ave St. Vital	Office Manager
Carl T. Gustafsson	St 21-540 Stradbrooke Ave	Contractor
Kent J. McQuinn	222 Roger St. Norwood	Purse Steward - T.C.A
M. H. H. H.	942 McCalman Ave.	Insurance Adjuster
John C. Leegley	126 Wilderood	Estimator Bins
Charles W. Ferry	100 Praeger Ave Norwood	Stationary Engine
H. A. Steel	973 Windermere Ave.	Fort Garry. Photo
A. A. Wagg	51 Green Ave. E. Kild.	Traveller

Population of city or area to be covered by this proposed chapter 275 Thousand
What place or places are available for Chapter meetings and what auditorium is available for the Chapter's functions which will, from time to time, be open to the public

Carli Auditorium

Local References (Give names and addresses of at least two representative citizens of your community, other than charter members of your proposed chapter, who are acquainted with the petitioners)

D. W. McConochie 123 Chataway Blvd.
J. S. Richards 301 Somerset Bldg.

To whom should the reply to this petition be addressed J. E. GALBRAITH
277 Wildwood Park. Winnipeg, Man

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Declaration of Sponsoring Chapter

and Recommendation by International Board Member and District President

The Virginia Minn. Chapter, acting as sponsor, is familiar with the petitioning group and believes it to be fully qualified to receive a chapter charter in S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.

By Aug. Neuberger
President

On July 14, 1948

Recommended:
By W. L. Davis
International Board Member

Recommended:
By [Signature]
President of _____ District Association of Chapters

On July 12, 1948

On _____, 19____

Do Not Write in This Space

ACTION TAKEN

Approved
By A. H. King Cole
Int'l President

Approved
By Carroll P. Adams
Int'l Secretary

On 7/17, 1948

On 7-8-48, 19____

Remarks:

RIVER CITY SOUND “DREAM LOVER” VIDEO RESPONSES

From Gordon Billows

Here are a few comments I received from family and friends, both near and far:

- How absolutely fab! Those harmonies...still have chills... Keep 'em coming. Too good to stop...
- Thank you for sending this. The chorus sounded good and YOU looked great!
- Thank you, Gordon. What a lovely thing to hear on a Friday night! It's good to see you singing!
- Beautifully done.
- Well done! Your “Dream Lover” is an inspiration. Thanks so much
- Very excellent and much needed at this point. I really enjoyed the performance. I'm sending this on to see if we could do something similar.
- Well done Gordon!
- Well, I recognized several of the singers. Very enjoyable
- Nice!
- Thanks Gordon! What a super job by all. I appreciate being in the loop. I will play it for Jim today when I visit.
- Amazing!! Thank You.
- Great Job, Gordon! I really enjoyed it! Thank you for sharing!



Our COVID-19 Challenge - River City Sound Virtual Chorus video of “Dream Lover” is now on Youtube!

Here is the link to view the video:
<https://youtu.be/lnWoXGPj55c>

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Norm Silverberg

Kids' Logic:

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like.". Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.



She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?". Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples.

The nun made a note and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples...."

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Larry Bredesen

**I'VE BEEN "SOCIAL DISTANCING"
ALL MY LIFE...**



IT'S CALLED GOLF

CORONA PRECAUTIONS

I went to the bathroom at a restaurant.

I washed my hands.

Opened the door with my elbow.

Raised the toilet seat with my foot.

I switched on the water faucet with a tissue.

Opened the bathroom door to leave with my elbow.

And when i returned to my table

I realized.... I forgot to pull up my pants!!!'

I don't care who your dad is, this is an illegal gathering



Just picked up my social distance support animal.



IMPORTANT DATES 4 U - SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2020

Meetings, Rehearsals, Holidays and River City Sound Member Birthdays

~ September 2020 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Music Committee Meeting (5:30) Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Labour Day</i>	8	9 Executive Meeting (5:30) Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 <i>Happy Birthday Earl Golden</i> Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	24	25	26
27 <i>Happy Birthday Milt Muldrew</i>	28	29	30 Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)			

~ October 2020 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <i>Happy Birthday John Latham</i>	3
4 <i>Happy Birthday Ken Finnbogason</i>	5	6	7 Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	13	14 Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Virtual BOTY (7:00)	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>

River City Sound

Notes 4 U

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www.rivercitysound.ca

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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, Bruce Wilton
Baritone Section: Paul Bullock, John Latham

2020 Leadership Positions

Accountant: Gary Miles
Attendance & 50/50: Norm Silverberg
Awards Banquet Chairs: Gary & Ricki Miles
Charities: vacant
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
Notes 4 U Editor: Krista Hanis-Gervais
Program Director: Duncan Zaluski
Refreshments: Norm Silverberg, John Latham, Len Paluck
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