



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

October 14 Executive Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
October 28 Virtual BOTY (7:00 p.m.)

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PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

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

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Please note that Issue 36 (Sep 30) will be sent out on Monday Sep 28. On this occasion I will accept submissions until Sunday noon (Sep 27).

PERMANENT ZOOM REHEARSAL LINK

Join our online Zoom rehearsals every Wednesday with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84457343549?pwd=ZGJmeUIJTl5Nnp1Ly9sNGQxYkxPUT09>

Meeting ID: 844 5734 3549
Password: 974496

Thank you to Brian Metcalfe for catching the error in the link. It is now fixed.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

VIRTUAL SINGING WEEK 15

From Duncan Zaluski

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

6:55 – 7:05	Login and greetings
7:05 – 7:25	Warm Up
7:25 – 7:45	I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
7:50 – 8:10	Bridge over Troubled Water
8:15 – 8:25	Business Meeting & Break
8:30 – 9:00	Blue Moon(s) Can You Feel the Love Tonight? Under the Boardwalk When I'm 64



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

SHEET MUSIC

From Wendy Lamont

For members who need sheet music, most of the songs are available on the web page. More sheet music will be loaded in the coming week however if you require a hard copy, please contact me at wendyjlmac@gmail.com. I would be happy to drop off the music that you require. Thanks.

VIRTUAL CHORUS RECORDING SCHEDULE

From Paul Bullock

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. (Note, if you are concerned about your timing, please feel free to also submit to your section leader a recording without headphones or ear buds as you sing along with the track for your part.)



Step 2. Record a video of “**Bridge Over Troubled Water**”. No headphones or ear buds required.

Deadline: October 15. (Note, attire for the video TBD)

Step 3. Record an audio track for “**Merry Christmas Darling**”. Use headphones or ear buds to sing along to the track for your part. Send it to your section leader for review.

Deadline: November 11.



Step 4. Record a video of “**Merry Christmas Darling**”. No headphones or ear buds required.

Deadline: November 25. (Note, attire for the video TBD)

For some inspiration ...

BHS EVERYONE IN HARMONY VIRTUAL CHORUS PERFORMANCE— “INTO THE UNKNOWN”

From Les Creek



Here is a compilation video of over 300 singers (I was one) as part of Harmony University back in July. It’s a song from Frozen II, the Disney movie and was written about 3 years ago.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvyhuFSvkR4>

GETTING TO KNOW YOU BETTER

From Brian Metcalfe

The names listed below belong to former Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen who, in 2014, shared stories about their lives. These important biographies are located on our River City Sound website inside the password-protected “Members Only” > “Archives” area.

Introductions	Brian Duplak	Jerry Moscovitch
Morley Bernstein	Ken Finnbogason	Milt Muldrew
Gordon Billows	Gerald Fontaine	David Petrie
Larry Bredesen	Earl Golden	Brian Sanderson +
Ken Broadfoot	Art Gross	Gordon Sargent
Drummond Brown	Bernie Gunn	Charlie Siegel
Doug Buffie	Les Gurr +	Norm Silverberg
Paul Bullock	Larry Hunter	George Smellie +
Harold Casselman +	Doogie Kautz	Paul Stein +
Arnie Charles +	John Latham	Bruce Wilton
Perry Chochinov	Chris Magas	Duncan Zaluski
Norv Christopherson +	Ian McAmmond	Closing Comment
Jeremy Clemens-Mierau	Brian Metcalfe	
Herold Driedger	Gary Miles	

As a relatively new member of the chorus in 2014, I initiated this “Getting To Know You” story-sharing initiative to help me learn more and relate better to the men who were singing within the Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen chorus. This process was so successful, that six years later, Krista Hanis-Gervais, our “Notes 4 U” editor, re-kindled this project to learn more about the 14 new members who had recently joined our River City Sound chorus. At that time Krista wanted to invite the men who had originally shared their biographies in 2014 to update their stories based on the changes that had occurred during the six years from 2014 to 2020.

If, as a member of the River City Sound, your name appears in the list of men above, I will be contacting you to inquire if you would be willing to share an update to your biography. Since the Executive supported this update, I’ll begin contacting them in alphabetical order by surname and then will continue with the remainder of the men listed above. To help Krista provide an updated story in each “Notes 4 U”, I will provide you with a Thursday deadline so that I can prepare your story for the next issue of our newsletter. To help you prepare, may I suggest the following:

- Read over your initial 2014 story located in the “Members Only” > “Archives” section of our River City Sound website.
- Following the same format, type an update that describes events that have happened to your family and friends during the last six years and email it to me before the Thursday deadline.
- Please provide photos which enhance your story as they provide me with flexibility when arranging the text and pictures of your update.
- I look forward to your help in this manner so that, through your 2020 update, a deeper connection can be formed between you and your “choral colleagues” in River City Sound.

Take care & keep smiling :-)

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

Shared by Larry Bredesen

Some Pandemic thoughts

- So let me get this straight, there's no cure for a virus that can be killed by sanitizer and hand soap?
- Is it too early to put up the Christmas tree yet? I have run out of things to do.
- When this virus thing is over with, I still want some of you to stay away from me.
- If these last months have taught us anything, it's that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet, particularly among politicians and bureaucrats.
- Just wait a second – so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this is directly linked to the common sense of others? You're kidding, right?
- People are scared of getting fined or arrested for congregating in crowds, as if catching a deadly disease and dying a horrible death wasn't enough of a deterrent.
- If you believe all this will end and we will get back to normal just because we reopen everything, raise your hand. Now slap yourself with it.
- Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized the trash goes out more than me.
- Whoever decided a liquor store is more essential than a hair salon is obviously a bald-headed alcoholic.
- Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now.
- The spread of Covid-19 is based on two factors: 1. How dense the population is and 2. How dense the population is.
- Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever? Well, wish granted. Happy now?
- It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a whole vineyard to home school one.
- Did a big load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for this week.

Shared by Norm Silverberg



VOCES8 performs the Simon and Garfunkel classic 'The Sound of Silence' arranged by Alexander L'Estrange.

<https://youtu.be/KXJNLb71VH4>

ADVICE FROM DR BONNIE HENRY ON COVID-19

Shared by Wendy Lamont

1. We may have to live with COVID-19 for months or years. Let's not deny it or panic. Let's not make our lives useless. Let's learn to live with this fact.
2. You can't destroy COVID-19 viruses that have penetrated cell walls, by drinking gallons of hot water. You'll just go to the bathroom more often.
3. Washing hands and maintaining a two-meter physical distance is the best method for your protection.
4. If you don't have a COVID-19 patient at home, there's no need to disinfect the surfaces at your house.
5. Packaged cargo, gas pumps, shopping carts and ATMs do not cause infection. If you wash your hands, live your life as usual.
6. COVID-19 is not a food infection. It is associated with drops of infection like the 'flu. There is no demonstrated risk that COVID-19 is transmitted by food.
7. You can lose your sense of smell with a lot of allergies and viral infections. This is only a non-specific symptom of COVID-19.
8. Once at home, you don't need to change your clothes urgently and go shower! Purity is a virtue, paranoia is not!
9. The COVID-19 virus doesn't hang in the air for long. This is a respiratory droplet infection that requires close contact.
10. The air is clean, you can walk through the gardens and through parks (just keeping your physical protection distance).
11. It is sufficient to use normal soap against COVID-19, not antibacterial soap. This is a virus, not a bacteria.
12. You don't have to worry about your food orders. But you can heat it all up in the microwave, if you wish.
13. The chances of bringing COVID-19 home with your shoes is like being struck by lightning twice in a day. I've been working against viruses for 20 years — drop infections don't spread like that!
14. You can't be protected from the virus by taking vinegar, sugarcane juice and ginger! These are for immunity not a cure.
15. Wearing a mask for long periods interferes with your breathing and oxygen levels. Wear it only in crowds.
16. Wearing gloves is also a bad idea; the virus can accumulate into the glove and be easily transmitted if you touch your face. Better just to wash your hands regularly.
17. Immunity is greatly weakened by always staying in a sterile environment. Even if you eat immune boosting foods, please go out of your house regularly to any park/beach. Immunity is increased by EXPOSURE TO PATHOGENS, not by sitting at home and consuming fried/ spicy/sugary food and aerated drinks.

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) <i>BOTW audio track due</i>			

~ 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 Executive Meeting (5:30) Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	15 <i>BOTW video recording due</i>	16	17
18	19	20	21 Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Virtual BOTY (7:00) (No Zoom Rehearsal)	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>

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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