

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

- October 28** Virtual BOTY (7:00 pm, log in at 6:45 pm)
- November 11** 2020 and 2021 Joint Executive Meeting (5:30 pm)

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PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

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Thanks,
Krista ☺

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

CHORUS REHEARSAL PLANS AND UPDATE

From Paul Bullock

Let's start by saying thank-you to Mae Denby, one of the newest members of our chorus, for responding to the call for an editor of the Notes 4 U. It is absolutely wonderful to have such a timely response to a call for assistance. The willingness of our members to pitch in and help with the myriad of tasks that keep our chorus functioning is one of our strengths. Thanks Mae.

In addition to the Merry Christmas Darling audio tracks (target completion for November 11), we can start working on the videos. The wardrobe has been decided. It is a solid-colored black or white shirt with a predominantly red accessory (scarf or tie). The goal is to bring some Christmas color to the videos with a more casual look of everyone wearing something slightly different but coordinated. The target for completion of the MCD videos is November 25.

Of course, this week will be a special edition of our Wednesday rehearsal night as we celebrate with a virtual BOTY (Barbershopper of the Year) award event. Thanks Brian for circulating the BOTY tips and tricks to everyone and for all your work in the background to get the program, awards and trophies organized. Brian, Ricki, Chris and I have had a couple of zoom meetings to sort out the details of how to run the event online. It's great that this annual tradition will not be another victim of the global coronavirus pandemic. Dig out your special bowties, pour a glass of your favorite libation and log in starting at 6:45 p.m. Let's share another great Wednesday evening together.

RCS VIRTUAL CHORUS RECORDING SCHEDULE

From Paul Bullock



Step 1. 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 2. Record a video of "**Merry Christmas Darling**". No headphones or ear buds required. Note, attire is a solid-colored black or white shirt with a predominantly red accessory i.e. scarf or tie.

Deadline: November 25.



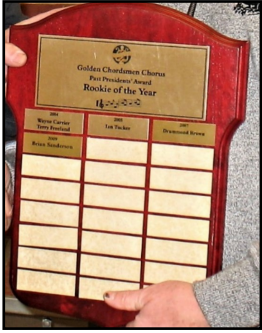


BOTY AWARDS

From Gordon Billows – Chapter Historian

**CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK'S AWARD INFORMATION –
The Rookie of the Year and Past President's Awards are not the same.**

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



The Rookie of the Year Award is presented at the annual awards dinner to recognize the involvement of newer members. The purpose of this award is to provide encouragement and reward to new members, within 2 years of the date of the awards banquet, for their exemplary service to our chapter. The award's point system takes in all aspects of participation in the chorus. The original award was hand carved by Jack Webster. The organization and award criteria was established by Les Gurr and Claude Main in 1968 and first presented in 1970 by Doug Swain. A new Rookie of the Year plaque, with updated criteria, was approved at the 2004 Past Presidents annual dinner.

PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The Past President's Award is presented to a long time member who has contributed to the chapter over many years but has never received the BOTY award. It is an occasional award and is not presented every year but only when the Past Presidents judge that there is someone who merits it.



THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD



The Golden Apple Award is presented by to a person who is not a chapter member. It is in recognition of outstanding support to the Winnipeg Chapter. This award was recommended and donated by Morley Bernstein and Earl Golden in 2012. The award recipient will be determined by the chapter executive.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

The Attendance Award gives recognition to the member(s) in each section that has the best total attendance at rehearsals, performances and Chapter events in the previous 12 months. This award has been presented by Norm Silverberg at the annual awards event since 2007.





2020 BOTY BLURB

by Brian Metcalfe

Login Wed. Oct. 28 early at 6:45 pm!



BOTY Email Reminder - On Wednesday, Oct. 28th, approximately one hour before the BOTY starts, when “the bar is open,” I will send each of you an email reminder. Although the Zoom connection will use the same process and credentials as our regular rehearsal, I will include this same link with the Meeting ID & Password code for those who are new to Zoom. In addition, I will share in this email my home telephone number for any members who may be having difficulty connecting during the 6:45 pm to 7:00 pm period.

BOTY Zoom - If new to Zoom, click on the link below on Wednesday, Oct 28th at 6:45 pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84457343549?pwd=ZGJmeUIJTXI5Nnp1Ly9sNGQxYkxPUT09>

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BOTY Wardrobe - Dress up for this special occasion. All attendees are encouraged to wear a bow-tie ... the whackier & distinctive, the better. Past BOTY winners are encouraged to wear their BOTY badges.



BOTY Meal - Normally we would be celebrating our BOTY Awards Night at the Marigold restaurant so some members might consider ordering in Chinese food to help re-capture the essence of past BOTY evenings.

BOTY Drinks - Since no one will be driving a vehicle immediately following the BOTY, you can have your favourite drink or two. Make certain to have your glass filled to join in the two important toasts that Wendy & Ken Broadfoot are giving near the start of the evening.

BOTY Zoom Start - Login begins at 6:45 pm sharp. Wait to be admitted & chat with friends as they sign on from 6:45 pm - 7:00 pm. At 7:00 pm, Chris Magas, as MC, will welcome everyone to this special celebration and you can follow along on your copy of the printed BOTY Program found in this issue.

BOTY Zoom Name - To help everyone get to know one another better, you are encouraged to re-name your Zoom profile from a generic name like “my-iPad” to “John & Jane Dough”. (See the rename procedure in a two page “Notes 4 U” attachment named “BOTY Tips & Tricks” emailed to you on Thurs. Oct. 23).

BOTY Program - Find it in this issue & print it out so you can follow along.

BOTY Bonanza - Print out the “BOTY Bonanza Answer Sheet” (in this issue). Make certain you & your spouse/partner/date (if applicable) each have a pencil or pen to complete this 20 question challenge.

BOTY Audience Reaction - Since we are connecting through Zoom, presenters and award recipients may not hear your cheering. Rather, I suggest demonstrating a “two-thumbs up” or a show of clapping on your video display. Others may wish to click/select the “Reactions” button and select a “thumb up” or “clapping” icon to demonstrate your feedback.

BOTY Premiere - We are hoping to be able to share our second music video “Bridge Over Troubled Water”.

BOTY Feedback - The planning committee welcomes feedback but we hope to avoid it during our BOTY evening, so we request that participants only connect with one Zoom device in each household.

2020 BOTY AWARDS NIGHT ON ZOOM

Wednesday, Oct 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Login early starting at 6:45 pm!



Welcome – Chris Magas

Toast to the “Cheerleaders” – Ken Broadfoot

Toast to the Chorus – Wendy Broadfoot

President’s Address – Paul Bullock

BOTY Bonanza – Brian Metcalfe

Rookie of the Year – Len Paluck

Dorothy Casselman Lifetime Achievement Award – Sally Metcalfe / Jewel Casselman

Quartet of the Year – Duncan Zaluski

Past President’s Award – Bruce Wilton

Video - Bridge Over Troubled Water

Recognition of Past BOTY Winners – Chris Magas

2020 BOTY Award – Chris Magas

Acknowledgements – Chris Magas

Closing - Irish Blessing

2020 BOTY ZOOM LINK

Join our online Zoom BOTY on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020. Although the awards night begins at 7:00 pm, **make sure you login at 6:45 pm** to get the best seat :-)

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BOTY BONANZA ANSWER SHEET

Please print this answer sheet and bring it, together with a pencil or pen for each participant, or couple, to our online Zoom BOTY on Wednesday, Oct. 28, so you can have fun competing for prizes.



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GETTING TO KNOW ... GARY MILES

by Gary Miles

My name is Gary Miles and I have been with the chorus since November 2001. I owe my barbershop career to Bernie Gunn and will forever be indebted to him. My first exposure was attending a 2001 Christmas concert rehearsal and I was very impressed by the sounds I was hearing, especially Sherry's beautiful rendition of "Mary Do You Know". My first annual spring show was "Barbershop on Broadway" in 2002. Unfortunately, I lost my father just the month before, so he missed my debut. He would have loved it, being a musician (violinist) himself.

The chorus treasurer at the time was Herold Driedger. When he found out that I was a professional accountant, there was no happier man on the planet because he had found someone to replace him. I agreed, of course, and became the treasurer for five years. I discovered during my tenure that the treasurer function could easily be divided into two positions, one an executive position and one not. A new treasurer was appointed and I became the chief accountant or controller, a newly formed non-executive position, which I continue to hold to this day. I am responsible for banking and financial reporting. My wife, Ricki, and I have also been involved with many chorus functions over the years, including organizing Singing Valentines, hosting barbecues, and chairing the BOTY dinners, which we still do every year.



As previously mentioned, I am a chartered accountant and have been in public practice since 1971, always as a proprietor or with partners. Currently, my firm is Miles & Shaffer LLP and my partner, since 1994, is Yale Shaffer. My other hobbies include golf, hiking, biking, working out at the gym, and playing violin with the Winnipeg Pops Orchestra for the last thirty-five years.



My wife Ricki and I have been married for forty-one blissful years. Most of you know Ricki because she has been a huge contributor to chorus activities over the years. We have three terrific children (we are biased of course) who live in Toronto, Montreal and Bend, Oregon. Two are married and one will be getting married in September this year. All are gainfully employed or self-employed.

In 2009, Ricki and I built a house near Phoenix where we have wintered as snowbirds ever since. We are very fortunate that we can still carry on our professions (Ricki is a computer trainer) because of the wonders of technology. Our main activity in Arizona is trail hiking. We hike every day and have over thir-

ty trails to choose from on several mountain ranges.

In conclusion, I want to say that my barbershop experience has been a wonderful and enriching component of my life. I have met many wonderful fellow singers and their families and participated in many enjoyable shows and performances over the years.

“It’s Great to be a Barbershopper”.

***** **GETTING TO KNOW YOU BETTER** *****

by Gary Miles

My name is Gary Miles and I have been with the chorus since November 2001. I owe my barbershop career to Bernie Gunn and will forever be indebted to him. I am still the chapter in-house accountant and have been since 2008. Before that I was treasurer for five years.

I am still working as a chartered professional accountant with the firm Miles & Shaffer LLP, although I have reduced my hours somewhat.

Ricki is still my spouse (thank God) and we love our winters in Arizona. In March 2018 we sold our house in Maricopa and bought a house in south Phoenix. Now we don’t have to spend two hours a day driving to and from our hiking trails. We love our new neighbourhood and have made many new friends there.

The biggest change in our lives since my first bio is the addition of five grandchildren: our grandson Jack who turned 4 on October 9th and his sister Cora who turned 2 on October 11th in Montreal, our granddaughter Hannah who turned 4 on October 12th and her sister Charlotte who turned 2 on October 20th in Toronto, and our grandson Caleb who will turn 2 on January 17th in Bend, Oregon. We Facetime with all of them almost daily and see them in person as often as possible.

... and



Gary and Ricki and their five grandchildren as of August 2019

“It’s still Great to be a Barbershopper”.

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

Shared by Norm Silverberg

Phoenix Chamber Choir, Vancouver BC, April 2020

Performing a COVID-19 version of Billy Joel's "For The Longest Time"

<https://enchantmentathamilton.org/20200601ForTheLongestTime.mp4>



Shared by Brian Metcalfe

SENIOR TRUISMS

- When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
- To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
- Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
- It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
- The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
- When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
- When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
- I run like the winded.
- When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really exited.

Shared by Larry Bredesen

When I was a kid, my parents would always say, "Excuse my French" just after a swear word... I'll never forget my first day at school when my teacher asked if any of us knew any French

You drop something when you were younger, you just pick it up.

When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.

Our wireless doorbells sitting on their chargers....



IMPORTANT DATES 4 U - OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2020

Meetings, Rehearsals, Holidays and River City Sound Member Birthdays

~ 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 Music Committee Meeting (5:30) 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 <i>Virtual BOTY musical video deadline</i>	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>

~ November 2020 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 <i>Happy Birthday Gerry Fontaine</i> Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	5	6 <i>Happy Birthday Art Gross</i>	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Remembrance Day</i> <i>MCD audio recording due</i> 2020 & 2021 Joint Executive Meeting (5:30) Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Happy Birthday Wendy Lamont</i>	18 Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>MCD video recording due</i> Zoom Rehearsal (7:00)	26	27 <i>Happy Birthday Elaine Salter</i>	28
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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

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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

