



**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, September 29:  
RETURN TO ST. ANDREW'S!!!  
255 Oak Street 7:00 p.m.**

October 6 Music Committee Meeting 5:15  
October 13 Executive Committee Meeting. 5:30  
BOTY Awards Dinner at Marigold on Fri. Oct 29 Time tbd

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**HAVE YOUR SAY!**

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

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# Chorus Rehearsal Plans and Update

## from Paul Bullock

We are back!! After more than 18 months, we will return to St. Andrew's United Church this week, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. It will be very nice to return to indoor, in-person rehearsals but there will be many changes.

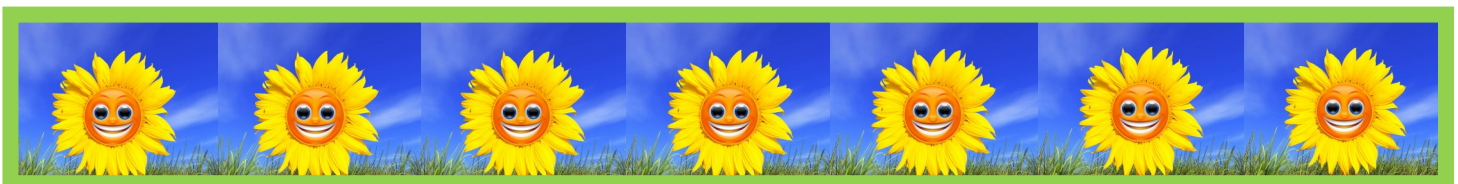
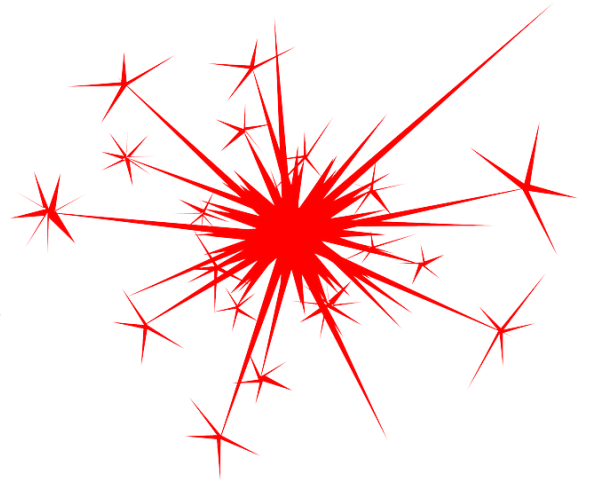
The reason we are returning this week is because we have learned that we will not be required to wear masks while rehearsing indoors as long as our rehearsals are closed to the public. You can read the information that Gayle and Larry Bredesen received in the following section (thanks again Gayle and Larry). Please note, that anyone who wants to wear a mask during rehearsal can certainly do so. We also expect to spend a bit of time during rehearsal when we all sing while wearing masks because we will likely need to become accustomed to performing this way, at least for a period of time. There are inserts available if you don't have one.

Thanks again to Wendy, Ferryl and the "clean-up crew" for working on the storage area the past couple of Saturdays. It now looks so much better and it's ready to go for this Wednesday.

The people at St. Andrew's are very happy that we are back but they are cautious because the church basement also houses a daycare every week day with unvaccinated children. **It will be very important for everyone to observe the following protocols.**

1. All participants for rehearsals must show proof of full vaccination.
2. Everyone must enter through the main door to the church sanctuary (southeast corner near Oak and Kingsway) then go through the narthex to the stairway down to the auditorium. There is a ramp alongside the steps at the main entrance for those who need it for access to the narthex. The elevator can still be used for those who require it to access the auditorium. We will NOT be using the daycare entrance on the east side.
3. WEAR A MASK WHEN YOU ENTER THE CHURCH. Your mask can be removed when you get downstairs to the auditorium.
4. There will be hand sanitizer available that everyone should use when they enter the auditorium.
5. Use the washrooms at the south end of the church, below the narthex.
6. For this week, DO NOT ENTER THE KITCHEN OR THE CHOIR ROOM (this issue is being addressed).
7. For the time being, we will not be serving coffee or food at the rehearsals. Please bring water with you.

Let's have a joyous and safe return to indoor rehearsals. See you Wednesday at St. Andrew's!



# NEW INFORMATION ON MASK RULES DURING REHEARSALS

From: Gayle Wharton <wharton@mymts.net>

Sent: August 29, 2021 11:11 AM

To: Brayden Juras <Brayden.Juras@leg.gov.mb.ca>

Subject: Restrictions

Good morning Brayden. I am still unclear about something important so I trust you can confirm my query one way or the other.

I am a member of the River Sound A Cappella chorus. Currently we are about 25. We have set up to return to in person rehearsals the first week in Sept. at Churchill Park United Church basement. We set out a requirement a month ago to our members that proof of both vaccines must be supplied at the door. This has resulted in a fully vaccinated group of singers attending a closed rehearsal.

We have purchased four air exchange appliances to operate before we arrive and throughout the rehearsal. There will be hand sanitizer available and disinfecting wipes.

As I listened to Dr Roussin I recall him saying that "for fully vaccinated people no other restrictions apply". In my mind that means we would not be required to wear masks while rehearsing. This is the point that must be clarified to our chorus.

I look forward to your response Brayden and thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Gayle Wharton.

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From: "+WPG725 - Manitoba Government Inquiry (FIN)" <mgi@gov.mb.ca>

Date: September 15, 2021 at 4:27:24 PM CDT

To: Wharton@mymts.net

Cc: "Juras, Brayden (PC Caucus) (LEG)" <Brayden.Juras@leg.gov.mb.ca>

Subject: RE: Restrictions

Thank you for your correspondence to Manitoba Government Inquiry.

When practicing indoors, musicians may remove their masks to rehearse provided the practice space is closed to members of the public.

The current COVID-19 Prevention Orders came into effect at 12:01 a.m. on September 3, 2021.

For more information about any changes that may take effect once the current Orders expire, please visit the Government of Manitoba's COVID-19 State of Emergency and Public Health Orders website.

Thank you once again for your correspondence. By working together, as a team, Manitobans will win the fight against COVID-19.

Manitoba Government Inquiry  
Communication Services Manitoba  
Manitoba Finance

# NEW INFORMATION ON MASK RULES DURING REHEARSALS— continued

From: Larry Bredesen <larrybredesen@gmail.com>

Sent: September 17, 2021 8:10 PM

To: +WPG725 - Manitoba Government Inquiry (FIN) <mgi@gov.mb.ca>

Subject: COVID Guidelines for Singers

I am a member of a 25-member chorus that rehearses on a weekly basis in the auditorium in the basement of a Winnipeg church.

Do the current guidelines allow the chorus members to sing WITHOUT MASKS?

Thank you

Larry

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From: "+WPG725 - Manitoba Government Inquiry (FIN)" <mgi@gov.mb.ca>

Date: September 20, 2021 at 2:01:20 PM CDT

To: Larry Bredesen <larrybredesen@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: Guidelines for Singers

Thank you for your message to Manitoba Government Inquiry. We acknowledge the impact of COVID-19 felt by Manitobans.

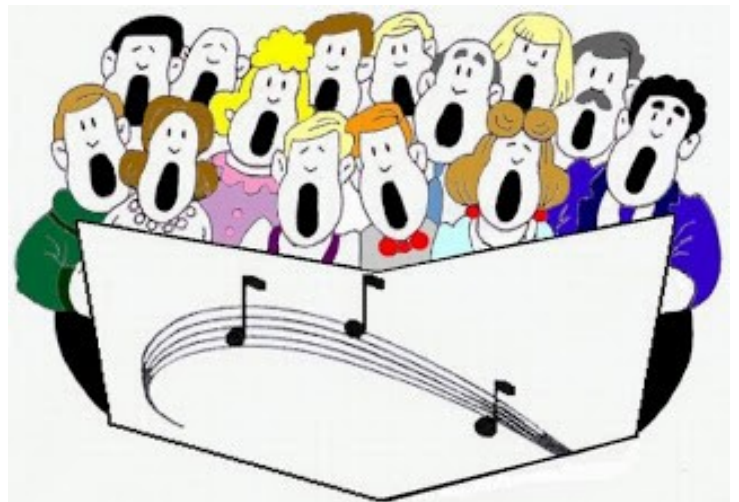
When practicing indoors, musicians and singers may remove their masks to rehearse provided the practice space is closed to members of the public.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Manitoba Government Inquiry

Communications and Engagement Division

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# BEFORE OUR BEGINNING - ORGANIZATION

(Gordon Billows—Chapter Historian)



Early in June 1948, a small group of key men met with the idea of forming some kind of a singing organization in Winnipeg. Letters and newspaper notices went out. On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 49 “sentimental singers” gathered for some community singing and to vote on a slate of officers. Jack Galbraith was voted in as President, Charlie Brenan as a Director. The “Ashpit Four” quartet (Charlie Brenan, Bill McLellan, Cliff Hyslop and Art Smith) were all CPR railway men. They had been practicing together in a garage for about 6 months and were able to demonstrate the close harmony singing that the organization wanted to revive in Winnipeg. SPEBSQSA acknowledged the group as their 533rd chapter on July 15th. The first official Chapter meeting was on July 23rd. Vern Leatherdale became the chorus director. Further meetings were scheduled.



## OUR BEGINNING

July 17, 1948

This Saturday will mark the 73rd Anniversary of the Winnipeg Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA). On July 17, 1948, Winnipeg Chapter, with 37 charter members, officially became the first Western Chapter of the Society. Winnipeg, sponsored by the Virginia Chapter in Minnesota, submitted a petition to become a chapter of the Society on June 23/48. That petition was approved by the Society’s International President O. H. “King” Cole and also signed by the Society founder - O. C. Cash.

At the charter night celebration on November 5/48, the Winnipeg Chapter President, Jack Galbraith, announced that the Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen chorus will be preparing for their first Annual Parade of Quartets at the Playhouse Theatre - Saturday, April 2/49.

*Note from the Editor:  
These items from the archives were intended for a July issue, to coincide with the anniversary.. Many thanks to Gordon for his work in reviewing our history and making us aware of our WGC/RCS Roots.*

MD



# **WINNIPEG GOLDEN CHORDSMEN**

## **CHARTER MEMBERS JUNE 23, 1948**

**Charlie N. Brennan**  
**F. M. Deans**  
**R. R. Coodin**  
**Jack E. Galbraith**  
**Art J. Gallie**  
**Les Garside**  
**Eric Hawksworth**  
**J. Howard**  
**Cliff (Hysy) Hyslop**  
**James S. (Jim) Inglis**  
**Charles W. (Chuck) Kerry**  
**Karl F. Kristjansson**  
**Fred F. Langdale**  
**John O. Langley**  
**Vern L. Leatherdale**  
**Russ LeBeau**  
**Claude B. Main**  
**Keith McGuire**  
**William A. (Bill) McLellan**

**Archie S. McMillan**  
**Lorne E. (Mac) McMillan**  
**J. K. Michwen**  
**James (Jimmy) Middleton**  
**Frank W. Miller**  
**Ross A. (Dusty) Miller**  
**A.R. Napper**  
**George Oliver**  
**William E. (Bill) Polden**  
**John F. (Johnny) Smith**  
**Art F. Smith**  
**Lesley B. (Les) Speechly**  
**Harry A. Steel**  
**Eddy Stephen**  
**David A. (Dave) Steven**  
**Arthur (Art) Wagg**  
**Harry (Wink) Winkworth**  
**Donald (Don) Wright**



Membership Charter  
This certifies that the International Officers of the  
Society  
FOR THE  
Preservation and Encouragement  
OF  
Barber Shop Quartet Singing  
IN  
America  
(INCORPORATED)

herely authorize the organization of a Chapter of this  
Society in

Winnipeg  
Manitoba

Acceptable evidence of the qualifications of those desiring  
to form said Chapter having been submitted, said Chapter  
is registered in the International Organization and it,  
and its members, unfettered and unrestrained, may now  
harmonize at any time, day or night, without hindrance or  
delay, subject to the Constitution, By Laws, Rules and Regulations  
of the order, and conforming always to the applicable Laws and  
Ordinances relative to the preservation of the Public Peace.

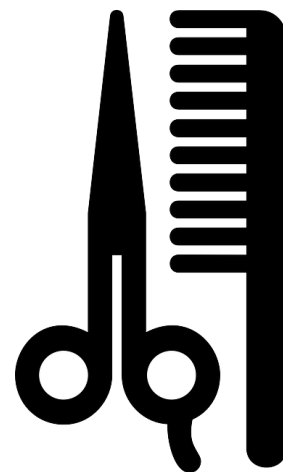
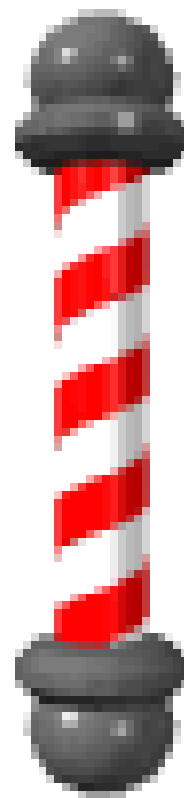


Attest: O. H. King Cole  
International President

Samuel P. Adams  
International Secretary

O. Cass  
Assistant Secretary

Dated July 13, 1948.



# CHECK YOUR ROSTER TO HELP US WITH UPDATE

From Brian Metcalfe

As many of you are aware, this year's FULL ROSTER, with pictures and demographics of each chorus member, together with historical facts about our chapter, has been delayed. In past, I have prided myself on doing my best to update both the Pocket Roster and the FULL ROSTER by February 1st each year. However this year, I seemed to be living on Zoom and engaged in several other River City Sound endeavours. True, I did my best to keep the one page "Pocket Roster" updated but in the back of my mind, I knew I had missed the February deadline and I didn't have the energy to tackle the time-consuming upgrade to the FULL ROSTER.

However, at our last rehearsal, Shirley Christie changed all that by asking the innocent question, "How is the ROSTER update coming along?" My not-so-pleasant response that "there wasn't enough hours in the day" to allow me to complete various RCS tasks (many that I do "behind the scenes") was uncalled for. Following rehearsal, at 2:13 am Thursday morning, I sent Shirley an email apology for my inappropriate reply. Shirley, bless her heart, responded by suggesting that she was ready to help me out with the "grunt work" to help reduce my stress. Paul Bullock summed up this situation with the following insightful comment:

*"This is an excellent example of one of the most heart-warming traits amongst our members. Their willingness to help each other."*

## HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?

Normally, I would take snapshot of each person's demographics (as shown at right) from the past year's FULL ROSTER. Next, I would email it out to each individual chorus member asking if there were any changes. **This year to expedite the update, I am asking that each chorus member, review his/her details displayed on our RCS website in the "Members Only" section.** Please check the latest update of the 2020 RCS ROSTER - Oct. 19, 2020". **If there are any changes at all, please email me the details** and I will make sure they are included in the 2021 FULL ROSTER.

Metcalfe, Brian (lead) (Sally)	
	268 Strood Ave. R2G 1A7 Res: 204-667-2727 bkmetcalfe@shaw.ca

To those new chorus members, who are not displayed in the past ROSTER, I will check with you by email to get your current information and arrange to get your picture. With Shirley's help, we hope to get the 2021 ROSTER completed by mid-October.

Thanks as well to Gordon Billows, our historian, who has worked hard to keep me up-to-date with upcoming conferences and details on past chorus members for ROSTER inclusion. He certainly values the importance of maintaining a ROSTER for both today's and future chorus members. His "Notes 4 U" historical perspectives provide us with an important glimpse into past barbershop activities of our chorus.

aTdHvAaNnKcSe for your help & support.

Take care & thanks to Shirley, I am smiling :-)

*"THE TRUTH IS THAT STRESS DOESN'T COME FROM YOUR BOSS, YOUR KIDS, YOUR SPOUSE, TRAFFIC JAMS, HEALTH CHALLENGES, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES. IT COMES FROM YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES."*

—ANDREW BERNSTEIN



# GOOD NEWS FROM SHERRIE

Hi Barbershoppers,

Just wanted to drop a quick line to let everybody know that because symptoms of allergies/ colds are much like Covid 19 symptoms, we decided to get tested last week and the results are **NEGATIVE**. We figured they would be but were taking no chances with our health or anybody else's.

We are both looking forward to being back with you all next week! See you then.

Hugs,  
Sherrie

## Rehearsal SUMMER – FALL 2021



### Free singing apps to make you a better vocalist shared by Larry Hunter

A list of apps members may consider using for improving their vocal skills at home:

<https://myvocalskills.com/8-free-singing-apps-that-make-you-a-better-vocalist>



# REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 29 2021

from Les Creek



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

6:55 to 7:00 Greetings  
 7:00 to 7:30 Warmups and Choreography  
 7:30 to 8:00 Sectionals  
     For the Longest Time  
     Silent Night  
     Light One Candle  
     Section Leader choice (Christmas or Regular repertoire)



8:00 to 8:40 Chorus Rehearsal of Sectional Music Off the Page Date  
     For the Longest Time Oct.6  
     Silent Night Oct. 13  
     Light One Candle Oct. 1

8:40 to 8:55 Break and Business Meeting

9:00 to 9:55 Repertoire Review (in no particular order)  
     Bridge Over Troubled Water *interp* Now  
     Jingle Bell Rock Now  
     Merry Christmas Darling Now  
     Light One Candle Oct. 1  
     O Holy Night Oct.1  
     Let There Be Peace On Earth Now  
     He's got the Whole World Now  
     When I'm 64 Now  
     Shenandoah Now  
     Imagine Oct.6



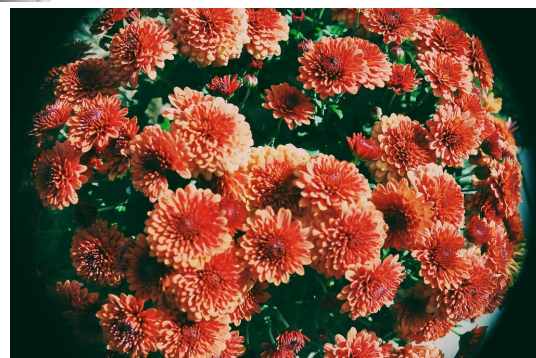
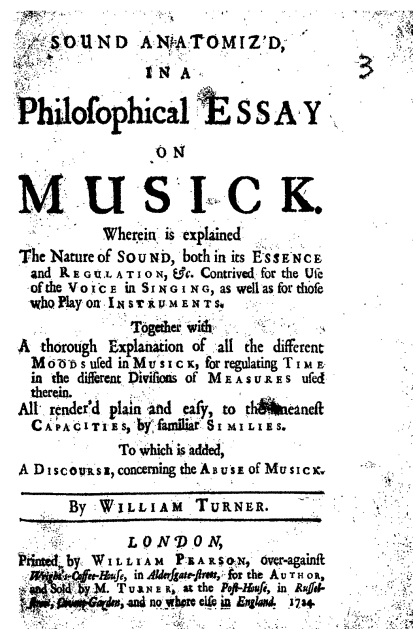
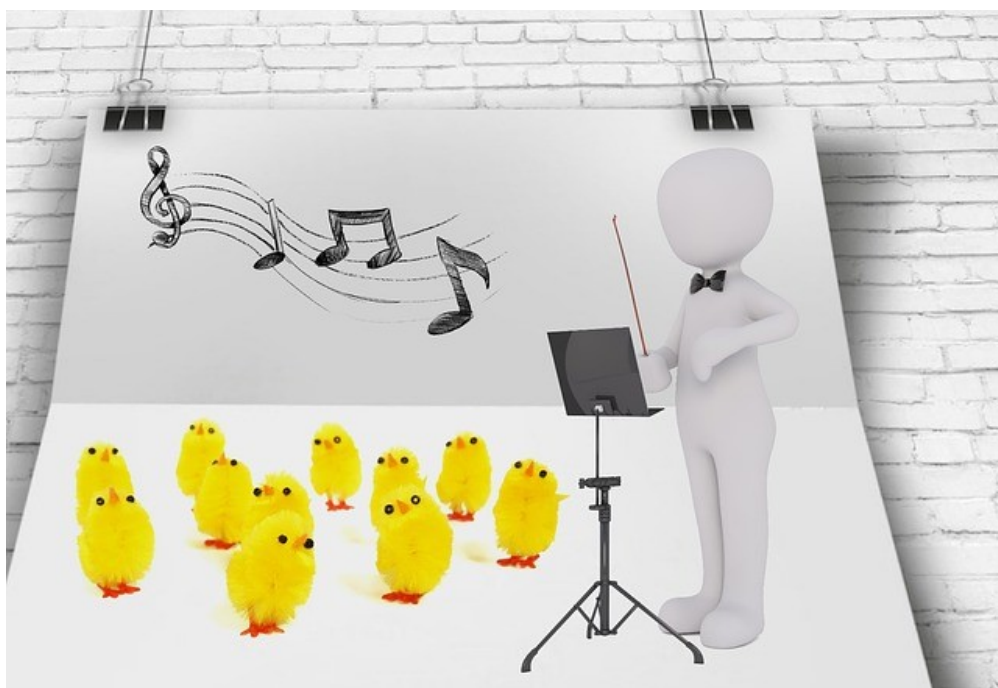
9:55 Wrap Up and Final Song

## Planned Upcoming Rehearsal Music (Subject to change !!!)

	<b>New(er) Music</b>	<b>Repertoire Review</b>	
<b>Oct. 6</b>	Peace,Peace Director's Choice	Director's Choice	
<b>Oct. 13</b>	Peace,Peace For the Longest Time Silent Night	Can You Feel the Love I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Christmas Repertoire	T

# TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

Contributed by various chorus members



**DANCE** LIKE NOBODY  
IS WATCHING

**LOVE** LIKE YOU HAVE  
NEVER BEEN HURT

**SING** LIKE THERE IS  
NOBODY LISTENING

**WORK** LIKE YOU DON'T  
NEED THE MONEY

**LIVE** LIKE IT IS HEAVEN  
ON EARTH



# IMPORTANT DATES 4 U - SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2021

Meetings, Rehearsals, Holidays and River City Sound Member Birthdays

## ~ September 2021 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Music Cmte Mtg. 5:15 Rehearsal 7:00	2	3	4
<b>THIS WEEK: ST. ANDREW'S!!!</b>						
5	6	7	8 Executive meeting 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	16 Happy Birthday Earl Golden	17	18
19	20	21	22 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25
26	27 Happy Birthday Milt Muldrew	28	29 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's	30		

## ~ October 2021 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Happy Birthday John Latham
3	4 Happy Birthday Ken Finnbogason	5	6 Music Cmte. Mtg 5:15 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's	7	8	9
10	11 	12	13 Executive Mtg. 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Xmas Show Cmte. Time tbd Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. St. Andrew's	28 Happy Birthday Doug Buffie	29 BOTY Awards Dinner Marigold Time tbd	30
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# River City Sound

## Notes 4 U

This is the official weekly bulletin of the River City Sound Chorus. For more information about us, go to our website:

[www.rivercitysound.ca](http://www.rivercitysound.ca)

Editor - Mae Denby

Unless carrying a by-line or some form of credit to borrowed sources, all items in this bulletin are by the editor and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the chapter or board. If anyone wishes to contribute anything to the next Notes 4 U, wishes to subscribe or un-subscribe, or has questions about any of the items in Notes 4 U, contact the editor.



## 2021 Chapter Executive

**President:** Paul Bullock  
**Executive VP:** vacant  
**Past President:** Bruce Wilton  
**VP Membership & Chapter Development:** Wendy Lamont  
**VP Music & Performance:** Les Creek  
**VP Marketing & Public Relations:** Gayle Wharton, Shirley Christie  
**Secretary:** Larry Bredesen  
**Treasurer:** Bruce Wilton  
**Chorus Manager:** Chris Magas  
**Board Members at Large:** Becki Ammeter, Herold Driedger, Ferryl Casselman

## 2021 Music Committee

**VP Music & Performance:** Les Creek  
**Chorus Directors:** Sherrie Bredesen, Larry Hunter  
**Tenor Section:** Becki Ammeter  
**Lead Section:** Chris Magas  
**Baritone Section:** Paul Bullock, John Latham  
**Bass Section:** Larry Bredesen, Bruce Wilton  
**Performance & Staging:** Gayle Wharton  
**Music Research:** Duncan Zaluski  
**Sheet Music Librarian:** Len Paluck  
**Learning Track Librarian:** Duncan Zaluski

## 2021 Leadership Positions

**Accountant:** Gary Miles  
**Zoom Meeting Attendance:** Wendy Lamont  
**In-person Meeting Attendance:** Norm Silverberg  
**50/50:** Norm Silverberg  
**Awards Banquet Chairs:** Gary & Ricki Miles  
**Charities:** vacant  
**Church Xmas Chorus:** Bruce Wilton  
**Learn to Sing Program:** Len Paluck, Wendy Lamont, Ferryl Casselman  
**Grey Cup Pool Chair:** vacant  
**Historian:** Gordon Billows  
**Notes 4 U Team:** Mae Denby, Becki Ammeter  
**Refreshments:** Norm Silverberg, John Latham, Len Paluck  
**Sing Canada Harmony:** Gordon Billows  
**Sunshine:** Brian Metcalfe  
**Wardrobe:** Charlie Siegel; Donna Paryniuk  
**Website:** Chris Magas  
**2022 Show Producer:** Les Creek  
**2022 Show Chairman:** vacant  
**Advocate for the Winnipeg Chapter:** Gordon Billows