

Important Dates FOR Your Calendar

September 08 Executive meeting 5:30

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SEPTEMBER 08 2021

In-Person Rehearsals - Wednesdays 7:00 p.m

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HAVE YOUR SAY -

PLEASE SEND MATERIAL
FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NOTES 4 U
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CHORUS REHEARSAL PLANS AND UPDATE

from Paul Bullock

This week, we decided to continue the Phil-Chris garage rehearsals through September.

Since we have resumed in-person rehearsals, we have steadily increased our 2-hour zoom timeline. Starting this week, our rehearsals will run until 10:00 p.m.

The rehearsals have been going very well and our ensemble singing sounds amazing!

Although the future continues to be unpredictable, we will continue to work towards doing a live Christmas show on December 11. If circumstances are such that a live show is not feasible, the Music Committee has already started thinking about plan B. The bottom line is that, one way or another, we will be performing Christmas music for an audience this year. So, we all need to be sure that we, as individuals are ready. It's been a long time since we have done any performing.

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We plan to start rehearsing indoors at the church on October 6 at 7:00 p.m. If weather conditions cause problems for our September garage rehearsals, we may return to the church before that date. Everyone will be notified if that decision is taken, but for now you can plan on October 6. There will be several changes to our indoor rehearsals to minimize the risk of virus transmission':

1. We will require all participants to show proof of full vaccination (required by public health order for gatherings at indoor public locations).

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2. We will now enter the church through the main door on the corner of Oak and Kingsway (at the request of St. Andrew's to minimize contact with the daycare area).

3. There will be 4 air purifiers running that will do at least 2 air exchanges per hour in the auditorium and filter out particles down to 0.1 micron in size (approved by the chorus).

4. There will be hand sanitizer at the entrance (common sense).

5. Everyone must wear a mask (required by public health order for indoor public spaces). Gary Miles took his own initiative and will have some extra mask inserts available at the indoor rehearsals for those who need one. (Thanks Gary!). The inserts certainly help to sing while wearing a mask.



Summary:

Sep 8, 15, 22, 29 - We will be rehearsing at 12 Phil-Chris Way at 7:00 p.m., rain or shine

Oct 6 and onward – We will be rehearsing at St. Andrews church, 255 Oak Street.

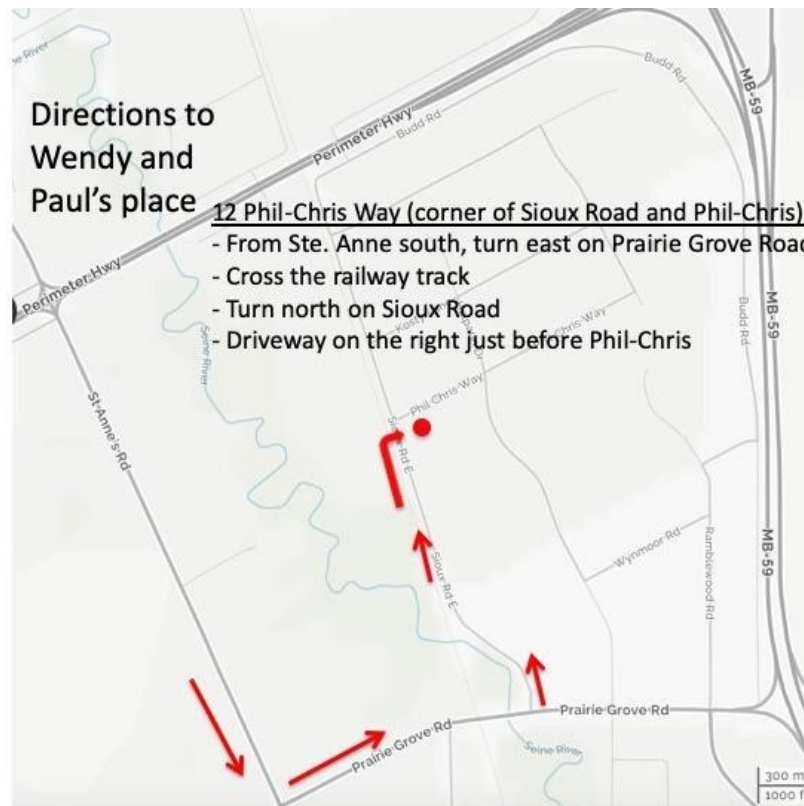
Although the pandemic continues to challenge us, we can take pride in being where we are today. We are back together singing in-person, inducting new members, preparing to perform and enjoying each other's company. Thanks to everyone for sticking together through thick and thin.

We are expecting a guest to join us this week, so please follow Norm's example and wear your name tag.

See you Wednesday.

REHEARSAL VENUE AUGUST 2021

12 PHIL-CHRIS WAY



Directions to
Wendy and
Paul's place

12 Phil-Chris Way (corner of Sioux Road and Phil-Chris)

- From Ste. Anne south, turn east on Prairie Grove Road
- Cross the railway track
- Turn north on Sioux Road
- Driveway on the right just before Phil-Chris

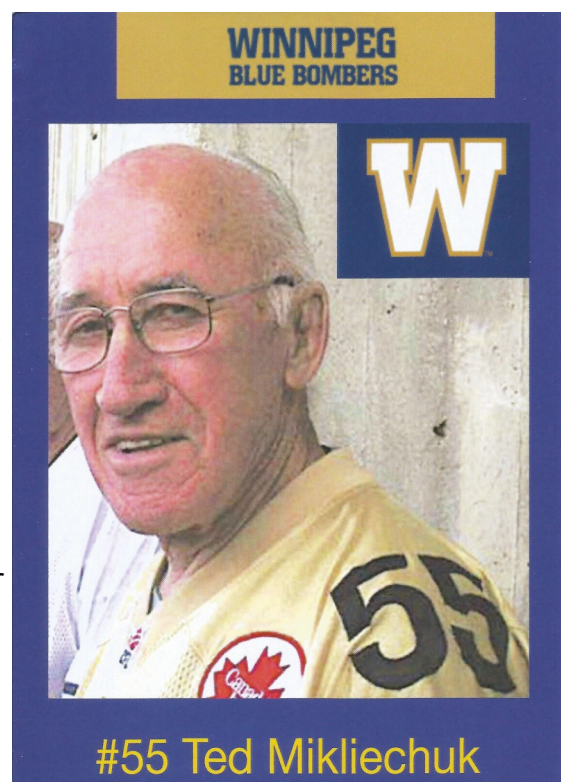


FAREWELL TO TED MIKLIECHUK

From Gordon Billows

On Friday September 3rd, 10 current and former Winnipeg Chapter members, with some spouses, attended Chapel Lawn Cemetery to say farewell to Ted Mikliechuk. Ted was a 25 year member of our chapter, a dedicated Bass, a past board member and a quartet member with Soundsation and TEMPO. Apart from being a Winnipeg Blue Bomber with three Grey Cup rings, Ted really loved to sing! Family and friends celebrated Ted's life with music selections by his grandson, a music video by his Good Neighbours Choristers and, finally, a video of the Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen singing one of Ted's favourite songs - the White Cliffs of Dover.

Like many other Winnipeg Chapter members, Ted was a regular donor to Sing Canada Harmony, especially when it involved memorial tributes to members that passed away. For those of you who still wish to make a Sing Canada Harmony memorial tribute donation to honour Ted, you may do so online or directly to me for processing. Some of you might consider making your memorial tribute \$150 to become an Ambassador of Song Manitoba 150 donor. For every \$150 memorial tribute donation I process in September, I will make a personal \$50 donation to Sing Canada Harmony. Each combined donation to Sing Canada Harmony would be \$200 in support of vocal music education in Canada.



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:

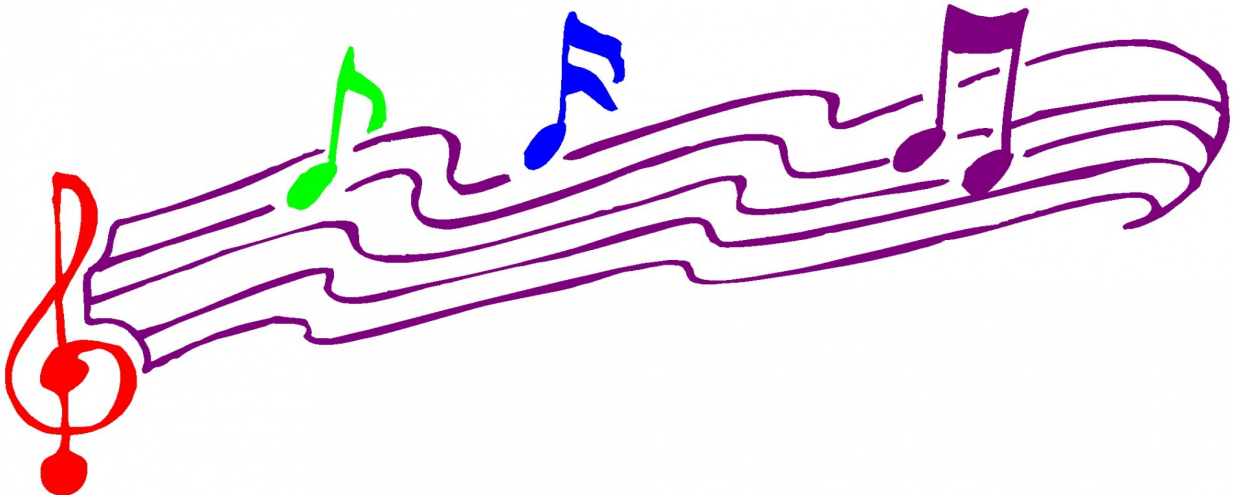
<https://myvocalskills.com/8-free-singing-apps-that-make-you-a-better-vocalist>

RCS Member Induction

From Gordon Billows

On Wednesday, September 1/21, the Winnipeg Chapter officially inducted two new members - Karen Jantzen and Rhonda Grist. Membership VP Wendy Lamont and President Paul Bullock officiated while the chorus added the background Barbershop Harmony Society's theme song - "Keep the Whole World Singing".

Welcome Karen and Ronda!



REHEARSAL PLAN - SEPTEMBER 08 2021 LIVE SINGING TRANSITION WEEK 6

from Les Creek



**PLEASE ARRIVE
EARLY
FOR CHECK-IN**

6:55 to 7:00 Greetings
7:00 to 7:30 Warmups and Choreography
7:30 to 8:10 Sectionals

Bridge Over Troubled Water
Light One Candle
O Holy Night
Section Leader Choice (Christmas or Regular repertoire)



8:10 to 9:00	Chorus Rehearsal of Sectional Music	<u>Off the Page Date</u>
	Merry Christmas Darling (SATB)	Now
	Bridge Over Troubled Water	Now
	Light One Candle	Sept. 15
	O Holy Night	Sept. 15

9:00 to 9:20 Break and Business Meeting

9:20 to 9:55 Repertoire Review

I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus	Now
Everybody's Waiting for the Man	
Dream Lover	Now
Hello Mary Lou	

Now

9:55 Wrap up and Final Song



Planned Upcoming Rehearsal Music (SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!)

New(er) Music

Repertoire Review

Sept 15 For the Longest Time
Light One Candle
O Holy Night
Kneeling at the Manger

Bridge Over Troubled Water
Merry Christmas Darling
Dream Lover
Hello Mary Lou

Sept 22 For the Longest Time
Peace peace

Light One Candle—off paper?
Let There be Peace on Earth
Shenandoah
Imagine

An Invitation From Les Creek

Feeling Creative?

Covid has certainly taken a toll on all of us, and for many it has dampened our enthusiasm for creative endeavours. I have a solution for anyone that feels creatively unfulfilled.

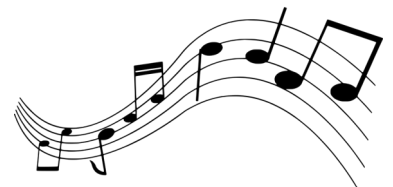
We all know that producing a show or even a single performance requires a lot of coordination and planning. One area that is critical to the success of our performances is the way that our music is portrayed to the audience; and to do that, we need to have song introductions that set the audience's mood and expectations for each song. And that is where your creativity would shine.

Do you have one or more favorite pieces of music that we perform? How does it make you feel? How would you introduce that song to an audience in a way that will make the audience feel the same way you do? The Music Committee would love to hear your ideas for introductions to one or more of our songs. These could be songs for our Christmas show, our upcoming annual show, or for our general repertoire. Our current script writers would be available to provide guidance and coaching if needed.

One of our other significant positions during a show is that of the Master of Ceremonies. They convey the song introductions in a way that prepares the audience for our interpretation of the song. This is a position that requires creativity and comfort with speaking publicly. Is this something that you'd like to try? It can be a great and very fulfilling experience. We have a number of experienced MC's that would be thrilled to provide mentoring and coaching in this area also.

We'd love to see chorus members work with us on either or both of these creative tasks. If you have interest in either activity, please contact me (Les) and if writing intro's for the Christmas show, Sherrie also (as she is the producer of the Christmas show). Masters of Ceremony are required for every public performance, so we'd be happy to hear of your interest in that also.

A Choral Connection From Rob Smith



One of the other singing groups I participate in besides River City Sound is the Good Neighbours Choristers. As of Friday Sept 3, the Choristers along with Joie de Vivre have released a UTube concert presentation of the virtual singing we were involved in last spring. Dr. Stuart Sladden directs both choruses along with an assistant at Joie de Vivre. He did the majority of the technical work putting together the video and audio tracks of the many members.

The focus is on the importance of music in challenging times.

Ted Mikliechuk whose funeral service was September 3 and Harold Casselman were both members of this chorus in former years.

I think it may be a presentation other members of River City Sound may enjoy watching.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGaJdc1EoLI>

Songs in a New World

(Gordon Billows - SCH MB)

Your donations to the **Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund** helped provide vocal music education and performance opportunities for some Winkler children Friday, August 13th.

The Douglas Kuhl School of Music applied for and received a scholarship to produce a musical theatre show that involved about 12 children, ages 8 to 16. The soloists and chorus performed about 20 popular songs from recent musicals. The attached program will show the song selections. Paula and I attended the outdoor musical theatre camp show and were very impressed with the **VERY EXCELLENT SINGING** by these young children. I congratulated Rochelle Drudge (producer) and Janna Larsen (director) on their fine production. They thanked **Sing Canada Harmony** for being one of their show sponsors and I **thank you for your donations that support vocal music education in Canada.**



SONGS IN A NEW WORLD

Douglas Kuhl School of Music
Musical Theatre Camp Show
Aug. 13, 7:00 pm, 2021

A musical journey through our pandemic years . . .

Directed by Janna Larsen
Assisted by Kali Shaye and Amie Drudge
Produced by Rochelle Drudge

Art is the medium in which emotion is expressed.
-Nadia Boulanger

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A New World (Songs for a New World)
Any Dream Will Do (Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat)
Solo: Ivy Hildebrand
One Perfect Moment in Time (Bring it On the Musical)
Solo: Amie Drudge
The Place where Lost Things Go (Mary Poppins)
Solo: Denise Howatt
When I Sing in My Car (by Joey Contreras)
Solo: Bo Rachul
Seasons of Love (Rent)
On My Own (Les Miserables)
Solo: Amie Drudge
Naughty (Matilda)
Matilda: Cailyn McKay
On Your Way Home (James and the Giant Peach)
James: Jude Klassen
The Butterfly: Kelcey Fehr
No Day But Today (aka "Finale B" from Rent)
Duet: Rachel Hesom, Denise Howatt
Quiet (Matilda)
Matilda: Macy Hildebrand
Waiting for Life! (Once on this Island)
Ti Moune: Rachel Hesom
I Know it's Today (Shrek, the Musical)
Young Fiona: Cailyn McKay
Teenage Fiona: Erica Hildebrand
Grown-up Fiona: Kali Shaye
This is Me (The Greatest Showman)
Solo1: Denise Howatt
Solo 2: Bo Rachul
On My Way (Violet)
My Shot (Hamilton)
Seize the Day! (Newsies)
Les: Jude Klassen
You Will Be Found (Dear Evan Hansen)
Evan: Colin Hildebrand
Alanna: Ivy Hildebrand
Hear My Song (Songs for a New World)
Solo: Kali Shaye
You Can't Stop the Beat (Hairspray) – Curtain Call

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

Shared by various RCS members

Thank you for saving me the trouble of having to do the math for myself.



The kids keep laughing about my memory. They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!



If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."

The leading cause of injury in old men is old men thinking they are young men....

It amazes me how much 'exercise' and 'extra fries' sounds alike....

Everyone has the right to be stupid. It's just that some people abuse the privilege....

Lazy is a very strong word. I prefer to call it 'selective participation'....

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
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.	30		

~ October 2021 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
☆☆☆ RETURN TO ST. ANDREW'S!!!					1	2 Happy Birthday John Latham
3	4 Happy Birthday Ken Finnbogason	5	6 ☆☆☆ Music Cmte. Mtg 5:15 Rehearsa 7:00 p.m/ Details t.b.a.	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Executive Ntg. 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m/ Details t.b.a.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m/ Details t.b.a.	21	22	23
24 	25	26	27 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m/ Details t.b.a.	28 Happy Birthday Doug Buffie	29	30

River City Sound

Notes 4 U

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www.rivercitysound.ca

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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: Len Paluck
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
Website: Chris Magas
2022 Show Producer: Les Creek
2022 Show Chairman: vacant
Advocate for the Winnipeg Chapter: Gordon Billows