



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Christmas Show December 11 2:30 & 7:00
Executive Budget Meeting November 24 at 5:30

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HAVE YOUR SAY!

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CHORUS REHEARSAL PLANS AND UPDATE

By Paul Bullock, President

The transition to winter weather last Wednesday did not detract from us having a good rehearsal. The Christmas show continues to take shape and we had a very moving Remembrance Reflection.

Shirley's show committee has mapped out a floor plan at the church for December 11. Brian has show tickets ready and they are starting to be sold (thanks Brian). Fortunately, the new health orders this week did not impact our show. However, as Bruce mentioned last Wednesday, keep track of everyone to whom you sell a show ticket. We cannot be certain that we will be able to perform to a live audience on December 11. If Covid restrictions do happen to shut us down, we will provide full refunds for tickets that have been purchased, but we will need to know the names of everyone who purchased one. Keep your fingers crossed that the show will go ahead as planned.

This week, in addition to rehearsing our show songs, we will have a formal ratification of the 2022 Chapter Executive members. A list of nominees is provided elsewhere. It would be great if we could fill all the positions, so please give some thought to letting your name stand for one of them.

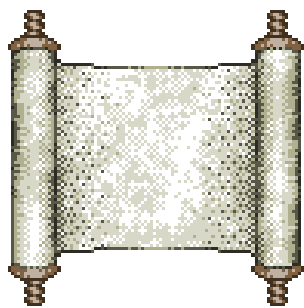
Thanks to everyone who takes on the tasks that keep our chorus operational. Just remember the story that Brian shared last week. Every little thing is important. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Keep singing.

See you Wednesday.



FORMAL RATIFICATION OF 2022 EXECUTIVE



On November 17, a segment of the business meeting will deal with the chapter's ratification of the 2022 Executive. The list below will be presented to everyone at the meeting for approval. There will be a call for further nominations and, if needed, a vote for any contested positions will be conducted. Our current list has vacancies for VP Marketing and Public Relations as well as Chorus Manager. It would be very good if we could fill these positions with further nominations prior to November 17.

River City Sound Slate of Candidates for 2022 Executive Positions

Rob Smith – President

Paul Bullock – Past President

Bruce Wilton – Treasurer

Shirley Christie – Secretary

Les Creek – VP Music and Performance

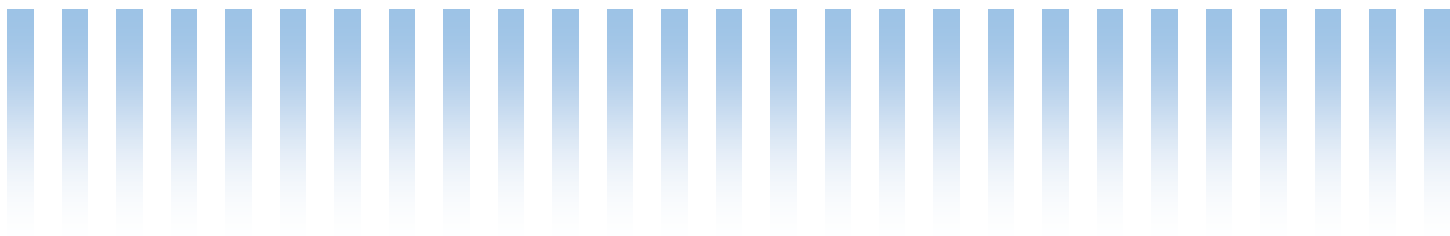
Wendy Lamont – VP Membership and Chapter Development – Executive VP

Vacant - VP Marketing and Public Relations

Vacant - Chorus Manager

Becki Ammeter – Member at Large

Herold Driedger – Member at Large





REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 17 2021

from Les Creek



We now are 4 weeks away from our Christmas show, so that leaves us with 2 rehearsals to polish our repertoire and choreography. The 2 rehearsals in December are scheduled to be a show run-through (to iron out any kinks, test out sound system, script, etc.), and the final rehearsal on Dec. 8 will be a dress rehearsal, with quartets, scripts, etc.

We'll continue to rehearse the show songs in order for the balance of the November. Let's make every effort to follow the rehearsal timelines as published.

6:55 to 7:00 Greetings

7:00 to 7:20 Quartet Auditions

7:20 to 7:40 Warmups and Craft

7:40 to 8:00 Choreography

Everybody's Waiting for the Man

8:00 to 8:50 Chorus Rehearsal of Christmas Show and Special Occasion Music

Jingle Bell Rock

Everybody's Waiting For The Man

For The Longest Time

I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa

Merry Christmas Darling

Can You Feel The Love Tonight

Bridge Over Troubled Water (interp)

Light One Candle

Silent Night

Kneeling at the Manger

O Holy Night

Peace Peace

8:50 to 9:05 Break and Business Meeting

9:05 to 9:25 Chorus Review of Christmas Music (continued)

9:25 to 9:55 Tags and 'Quartetting' – if time permits.

9:55 Wrap up and Final Song



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

	New(er) Music	Repertoire Review
Nov 24	Christmas Show Songs in Order	
Dec 1		Show Run-Through
Dec		89 Dress Rehearsal



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Don't FORGET!



GREY CUP TICKETS

By Len Paluck

There are only THREE WEEKS remaining to sell Grey Cup scratch tickets!

Chorus members: Please ensure that the buyer's contact information is recorded on the smaller return stub, and those stubs are returned with payment by the December 8 deadline.

Thanks to all those who have been returning sold tickets we have so far brought in \$690, which almost covers our costs (printing and prizes).

There are 225 tickets not yet distributed to members, and there are lots of eager buyers out there as we get closer to the big game. See me at the ticket table at every rehearsal.



Free singing apps to make you a better vocalist

shared by Larry Hunter

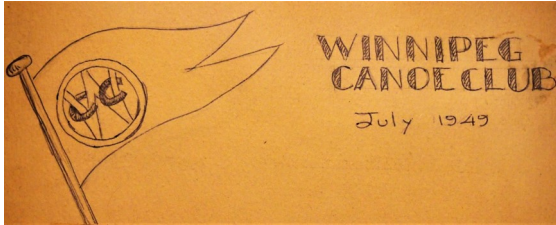
A list of apps members may consider using for improving their vocal skills at home:

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

GOLDEN MOMENTS

CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER—WINNIPEG CANOE CLUB

From Gordon Billows, Winnipeg Chapter Historian



What does the Canoe Club have to do with the Winnipeg chapter?

Charlie Brenan, one of our “founding fathers”, was a member of the Winnipeg Canoe Club in the early 1930’s and had a quartet called The Catfish Colony Four (they often sang at camps set up by the Government for the unemployed). Many of Charlie’s friends were also members of the Canoe Club and they enjoyed harmonizing on the clubhouse veranda on Sunday afternoons. Three or four “war canoes” full of members would often paddle up the Red River, then tie their canoes together and drift back to

the Club house— singing the popular tunes of the day all the way. They had great audiences! Many of the residents along the river applauded the singers throughout the summers.

Charlie Brenan and Jack Galbraith met just before World War II and enjoyed socializing and singing together for the next 10 years. They eventually decided to investigate forming a chapter of SPEBSQSA. Charlie penned the first letter to the Society for information in 1948 and got the necessary approval to start a chapter. Charlie and Jack set plans to recruit members. Their ready source of members were their “harmony hound” friends at the Canoe Club. Twenty of them immediately signed up to become Winnipeg charter members. Nine of 16 members that formed the Chapter’s first executive and parade committee were from the Canoe Club.

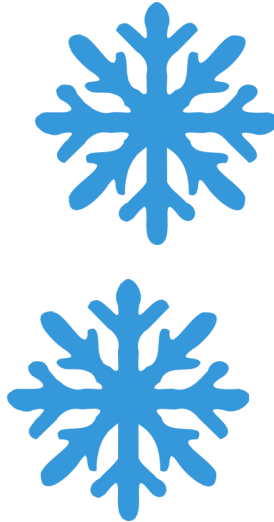
In July of 1949, about 30 singers and six quartets performed some old and new Barbershop songs for some 350 to 400 people crowded into the Club’s Marine Ballroom. The Winnipeg Chapter continued their association with the Canoe Club with—chorus and quartet performances, holding Chapter social events there and providing encouragement to Canoe Club members to form quartets to entertain at their Sunday Sing Songs. There are several references to the Canoe Club in the Chapter’s history files.

There are probably some current members (me, at least) of the Winnipeg Chapter that were members of the Canoe Club on Dunkirk Drive at some time. Great times, definitely!

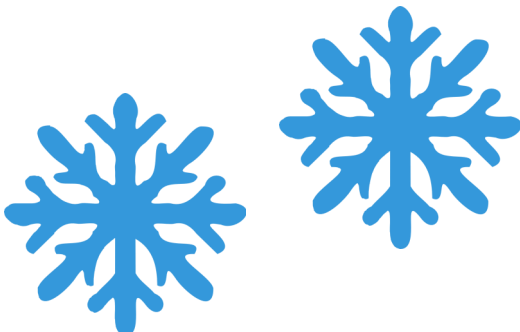


TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Ricki Miles:



JONATHAN CHE




IMPORTANT DATES 4 U - NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Music Cmte Mtg. 5:15 Rehearsal 7:00	4 Happy Birthday Gerry Fontaine	5	6 Happy Birthday Art Gross
7	8	9	10 Exec. Mtg 5:30 p.m. Rehearsal 7:00P.M. Happy Birthday Yvonne Applewhaite	11	12	13 Happy Birthday
14	15	16	17 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Happy Birthday Wendy Lamont	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Exec. Budget Mtg. 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Elaine Salter
28 Hannukah begins	29	30				

~ December 2021 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 2021			1 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4
5	6 Final Day of Hannukah	7	8 Executive Mtg. 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Christmas Shows 2:30 & 7:00
12	13	14	15 t.b.d.	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 t.b.d.	23	24	25 
26 Kwanzaa begins Happy Birthday Ferryl Casselman	27	28	29 t.b.d.	30	31	



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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

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,