

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 5
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SPECIAL NOTICE : THIS WILL BE THE FINAL ISSUE FOR 2021.



CHORUS REHEARSAL PLANS AND UPDATE

By Paul Bullock, President

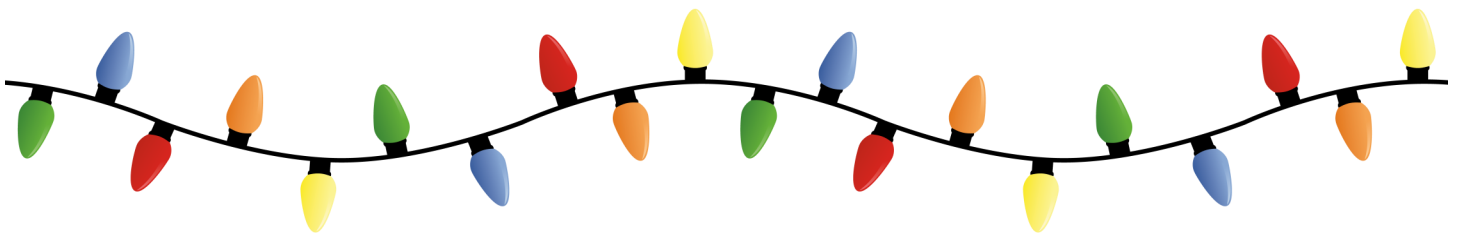
This Wednesday will be our last rehearsal prior to the shows on December 11th. Thanks to everyone for dressing up for the video recordings at the rehearsal last week. We looked colorful and festive, which will provide the ideal background for our segment on the CTV Morning show at 8:15 a.m. on December 8th. Hopefully the promotion efforts that Gayle has arranged for the show will bring in some more audience members. The more people that are there, the better it will be, because the show is going to be awesome!

We will have the evening of December 15th to wind down and socialize. We can bring our significant others (as long as they are fully vaccinated) to the church auditorium for 7:00 p.m. to visit, share some laughs and do a bit of singing. It will be a great way to celebrate our accomplishments in 2021 and appreciate how far we have progressed compared to a year earlier.

As we approach the climax of our chorus's 2021 year, be sure to enjoy the show and our final social event. We can be grateful to have arrived at this point in time, marking what will hopefully be the beginning of a new and fulfilling time to be members of River City Sound. Hey Norm, can you give us a reminder?

"What is it?"

"It's great to be a barbershopper!"



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>

CHRISTMAS SHOW WARDROBE

From Shirley Christie

Republished as requested

The following are the dress requirements for both halves of the performance.

FIRST HALF: FESTIVE CHRISTMAS OUTFIT in combinations of mainly red, green, black and white. Make it colourful and fun! The variety will be very appealing to the audience and will set the stage for a fun first half.

SECOND HALF:

MEN: Tuxedos with white shirt and long red tie.

See Charlie if you need something supplied.

WOMEN: Black skirt or dress pants, Black top, and red sequined scarf (see Sherrie if you do not have yours yet). The scarf is quite large and can be worn anyway you think looks best on you. The sequined scarf is a bit "scratchy" so you may want to keep this in mind when choosing a top to wear with it.

Note: If you are wearing a shorter skirt, please wear Black Pantyhose so that legs blend more with the overall



ADDENDUM

From Sherrie Bredesen

LADIES: In the first half, you can wear whatever you like that makes you look and feel festive, in the colours mentioned, solid or a combination, dress or skirt or dress pants, or whatever looks great on you. Any colour pantyhose or socks are fine for the first half's Festive Look.

In the second half- you may wear black top and black bottom (whatever you like again). I would prefer long sleeve tops so that we better blend in with the mens' tuxes, but if anyone does not have a long-sleeved one and does not want to buy one, a short sleeve top will do. If you are wearing a skirt, black pantyhose is preferred in the second, more formal half. Black dress shoes that are reasonably comfortable would be a good choice since we will be on our feet a long time.

Just another note to remind us all that if we go into the audience to greet our guests, we **MUST WEAR MASKS.**

I am happy to answer any further questions or clarify so please do not hesitate to call me or see me on Wednesday.

A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

From Shirley Christie

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The location is Prairie Spirit United Church at 207 Thompson Drive, just off Portage Avenue. We have performed there in the past, you will remember it as Sturgeon Creek United.

We will be putting on two performances: 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Every patron must be double vaccinated. We will have people at each performance checking for proof of vaccination and I.D. Masks will be mandatory in the church sanctuary, we will have some available for those who forgot to bring one along.

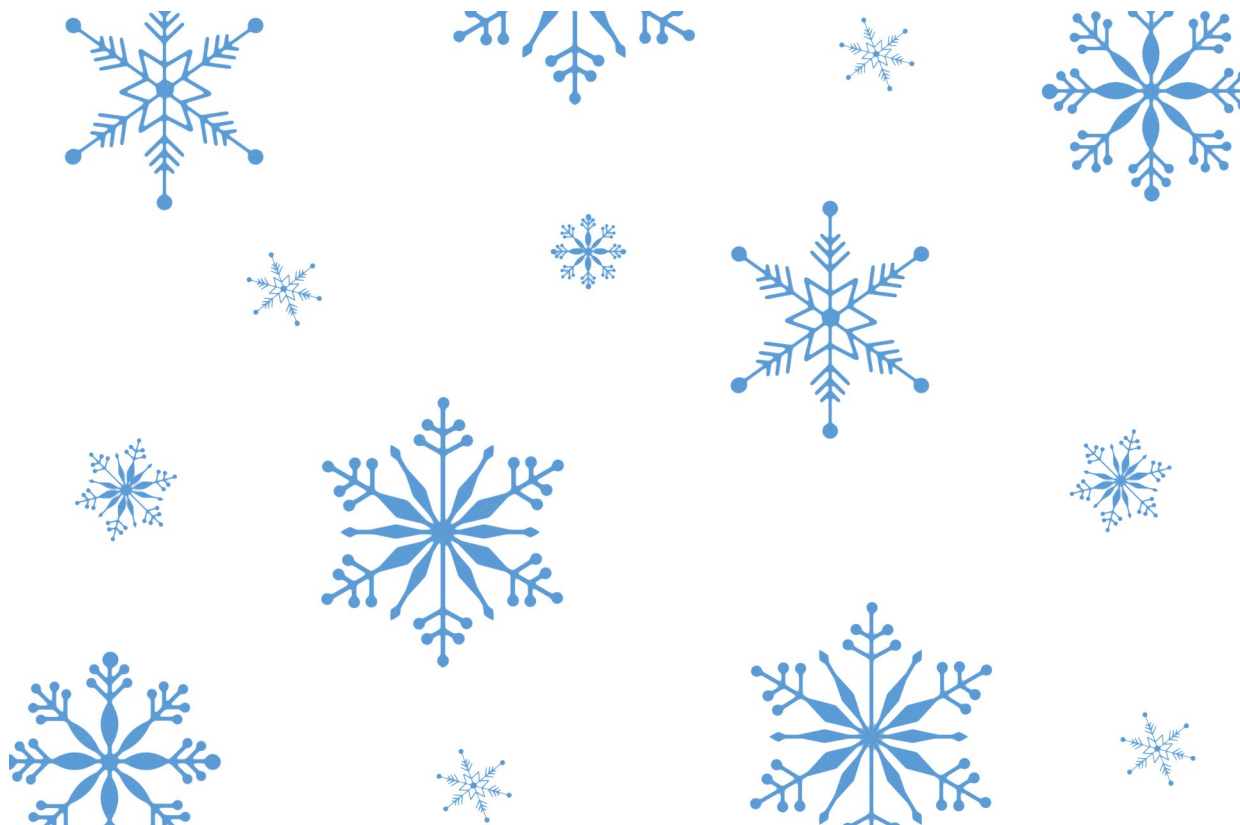
Brian has given you the information on tickets. If you are selling tickets you must remember to get the name and contact information of the patron. If we are required to cancel the performances due to covid restrictions prior to the show date, refunds will be only given to those patrons who have provided you with contact information and the number of tickets they purchased.

Gayle has a letter prepared that she will be distributing to various contacts and would be happy to send you a copy if you want to use it.

Ferryl will be looking after the between show lunch. You may choose to purchase this lunch or provide your own. The cost will be \$10.00 each. To respect Covid regulations, we will have servers for the food items and the beverages . Bottled water will be available.

We will be having our chorus photograph taken immediately following the afternoon performance, before we head off to change and have lunch.

If, after either performance, you plan to go into the audience to meet with friends and family you **MUST** be masked.





REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 8 2021

from Les Creek



Well, we have worked so hard to get to this point! Just a few days until the show, and I know that we'll really entertain our patrons. After the show, we'll take a well deserved rest for a couple of weeks and regroup in January to start work on our spring show 'Remember That Summer????'. We've worked on all of the songs in the show in the early autumn, so dig out your music and let's have some fun putting it all together.

Thank you to everyone for working so hard to make the Christmas show come together.

- 6:55 to 7:00 Greetings
- 7:00 to 7:30 Warmups and Choreo
- 7:30 to 8:30 Show Run Through – part 1
- 8:30 to 8:45 Break and Business Meeting
- 8:45 to 9:45 Show Run Through – part 2
- 9:45 Wrap up and Final Song



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

- Dec 15 Social evening at rehearsal hall – time TBD
- Dec 22, Dec 29 No rehearsal
- Jan 5 22 Spring show rehearsals start

CHRISTMAS SHOW DAY SCHEDULE

From Sherrie Bredesen

Saturday, December 11, 2021 Prairie Spirit United Church

9:00 – 10:00 am SOUND SYSTEM SET UP and TESTING

10:00 – 10:50 am QUARTETS, SOLOS and GUITAR SOUND TESTING

LIGHTING DECIDED (Larry B to look after this)

10:30 am CHORUS MEMBERS ARRIVE

10:50 am CHORUS in the SANCTUARY

10:55 – 11:00 am CHORUS MEMBERS ASSEMBLE on the RISERS

11:00 – 12:30 pm CHORUS VOCAL WARM-UP – SHOW RUN-THROUGH and ENTRANCE and EXIT REHEARSAL

12:30 – 1:15 pm LUNCH BREAK (bring your own lunch)

1:15 – 1:45 pm WARDROBE TIME (have your mask with you at all times)

1:45 – 2:15 PM CHORUS PRE-PERFORMANCE VOCAL WARM-UP

2:30 PM **~SHOW TIME~**

4:30 MEET & GREET GUESTS (wear your masks)

4:45 pm sharp! CHORUS PICTURES ON THE RISERS

(Day long Volunteers should be eating supper now)

5:00 – 6:00 pm SUPPER BREAK

6:00 – 6:25 pm WARDROBE TIME

6:25 – 6:45 pm CHORUS VOCAL WARM-UP

6:45 – 7:00 pm CHORUS LINEUP

7:00 pm **~SHOW TIME~**

9:00 – 10:00 pm RISER REMOVAL AND CHURCH CLEAN-UP

EVERYONE DOES THEIR PART TO HELP

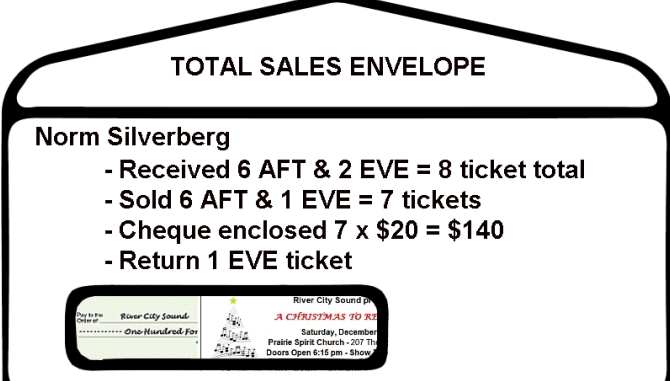
CHRISTMAS SHOW TICKET DEADLINE - DEC. 8TH

By Brian Metcalfe

Thanks to all our chorus members who have done their best to sell tickets to our upcoming "A Christmas To Remember". I have found it a challenge to encourage my friends to purchase tickets in advance with the looming covid situation. However, when I advised them of the precautions we are taking and the money-back guarantee if Manitoba Health regulations cancel our show, they have once again supported my "harmony hobby".

Total Sales Envelope - All chorus members, with sales funds and any unsold tickets, **MUST TURN THEM IN at our Dec. 8th rehearsal.** I plan to be at rehearsal at 6:15 pm to receive your "TOTAL SALES" envelopes with the following details:

- Your Name
- Total tickets Received & Sold
- A cheque payable to River City Sound
- Any unsold tickets



TOTAL SALES ENVELOPE

Norm Silverberg

- Received 6 AFT & 2 EVE = 8 ticket total
- Sold 6 AFT & 1 EVE = 7 tickets
- Cheque enclosed 7 x \$20 = \$140
- Return 1 EVE ticket

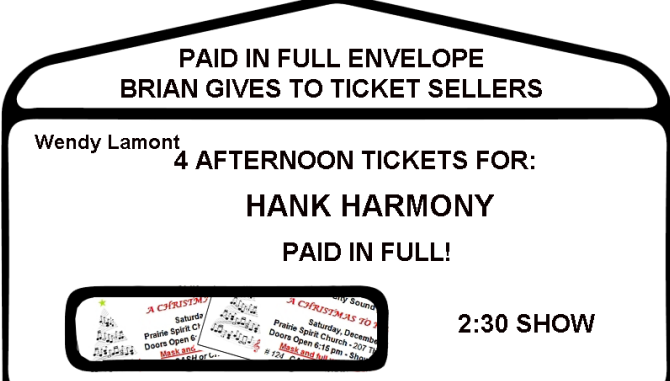
Image of a sample envelope: River City Sound, One Hundred For, A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER, Saturday, December 12th, Prairie Spirit Church - 207 7th, Doors Open 6:15 pm - Show

But I still need tickets! Note I can still provide you with tickets at our Dec.8 rehearsal, but I will only trade them for a cheque for the appropriate ticket costs.

Paid In Full Envelope - As you know, **no unpaid reserved tickets can be left for pickup at the door.** However to accommodate your friends, who want to be assured that they will get a ticket, you may give me a separate envelope **on Dec 8th** that contains only "PAID IN FULL" tickets with these details:

- Your name
- # of tickets & AFT or EVE time
- PRINT name of patron in large letters

I will collect these sealed envelopes on Dec 8 and give them to Jo-Anne Muldrew & Sally Metcalfe who will be selling tickets at the door for both shows. Tell patrons to proceed to the table with the "NEED TICKETS" sign & request tickets that you have reserved for them.



PAID IN FULL ENVELOPE
BRIAN GIVES TO TICKET SELLERS

Wendy Lamont

4 AFTERNOON TICKETS FOR:
HANK HARMONY
PAID IN FULL!

Image of a sample envelope: A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER, Saturday, December 12th, Prairie Spirit Church - 207 7th, Doors Open 6:15 pm - Show

2:30 SHOW

In closing, I want to thank the Vax checkers, ticket sellers, ticket takers, ushers, lunch servers, and other helpers for their dedication to making our show a success. Chorus members may think it's all about learning melodies, learning lyrics and performing. I can assure you, that a successful show also depends heavily on our important volunteers.

GOLDEN MOMENTS

From Gordon Billows, Chapter Historian



The **Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund** was established in 2008 to provide scholarships in support of vocal music education for individuals, schools and community groups in Canada. Most of the scholarship funds are derived from tax-free donations made by the Canadian members and chapters of Barbershop Harmony Society, Sweet Adelines International and Harmony, Inc.

Over the past 13 years, the Winnipeg Chapter and our members have been generous donors and we have received scholarships totaling almost \$20,000.

The Winnipeg Chapter has just been awarded \$600 in support of their Chapter History Project.



Winnipeg Chapter Annual Show Sponsors

From Gordon Billows—Wpg Chapter Historian

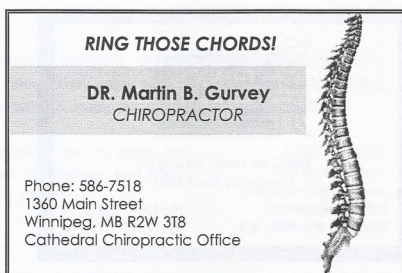
For about 20 years the following notice was in our Annual Show programs:

The Lieutenant Melville Wood Guild is grateful to the Winnipeg Chapter of the SPEBSQSA for providing the opportunity of raising funds to continue their work in connection with the Research Department of the Children's Hospital. The Guild wishes to take this opportunity of expressing its sincere thanks to the many advertisers who have given their support. The Funds which we have raised have enabled the Research Department to achieve many medical advances and attain world-wide recognition

The Guild made substantial donations to the Children's Hospital Research Program (research shows \$5300 in 1966 and \$7500 in another year). Most of the money they raised was by soliciting advertising for the Winnipeg show program. Between 125 and 200 advertisements were in our 1950—1970 show programs because of the Guilds efforts and the Winnipeg Chapter was introduced to all those businesses.

Looking at those “earlier” programs, one sees many familiar Winnipeg business advertisements. Here are a few that some of you might remember: The Manitoba Sugar Company Ltd, Dominion Motors, Moore's Taxi, Pierre's, Safeway, The Paddock, McDiarmid Brothers Limited Lumber, Strains Camera Stores, Brathwaites, Stewart Electric Ltd, Western Gypsum Products Limited, The Toronto-Dominion Bank, United Grain Growers, North American Lumber, Canadian Johns-Manville, Burns, Borger Bros. Limited, Manitoba Rolling Mills, Hudson's Bay Company, Baldy Northcott, Sweet Adelines, The Fabric Centre, Thiessen Grey Goose, Canada Packers, Mary Scorer Books, Mitchell-Copp, Club Morocco, The Northern Paint Co. Ltd, Imperial Oil Ltd, Broadway Pharmacy, Investors Syndicate, Rae and Jerry's, Broadway Florists, A & W Drive-ins, Holt Renfrew, and on ...

Think some of these businesses might like to place an advertisement in our 2022 Spring Show program? Hmmm!

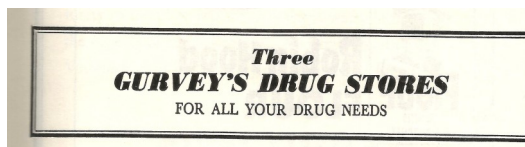


RING THOSE CHORDS!

DR. Martin B. Gurvey
CHIROPRACTOR

Phone: 584-7518
1360 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB R2W 3T8
Cathedral Chiropractic Office

And then there was the Gurvey's Drug Stores 1964 advertisement!



Three
GURVEY'S DRUG STORES
FOR ALL YOUR DRUG NEEDS



TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS

(though it hardly seems necessary at this time!)

From Becki Ammeter

We always get each other
ironic gifts, but my brother
killed it this year.

Gift not included



LOOK! I WON
"BEST IN SNOW"!




From Becki Ammeter

To get rid of
unwanted junk
during the
holidays ...

Put it in an
Amazon box and
leave it on the
porch.

IMPORTANT DATES 4 U - DECEMBER 2021 JANUARY 2022

~ December 2021 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			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 Chorus Social Event 7:00 p/m/ St. A.'s	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Holiday Break No Rehearsal	23	24	25 
26 Kwanzaa begins Happy Birthday Ferryl Casselman	27	28	29 	30	31 	

~ JANUARY 2022 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Happy Birthday Chris Magas	3	4 Happy Birthday Shirley Christie Sandi Lips	5 Music Cmte Meeting Rehearsal 7:00 P.M.	6	7 Happy Birthday Charles Siegel	1/8
9	10	11	12 Exec Cmte Meet- ing Rehearsal 7:00 P.M.	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	20 Happy Birthday Henry Graham	21 Happy Birthday Gordon Billows	22
23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Les Creek Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	27 Happy Birthday Becki Ammeter	28	29
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,
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
LOL District Chapter Advocate: ordon Billows