

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
COMMUNITY CHORUS PERFORMANCES JUNE 14 & JULY 13.

SHOW COMMITTEE POST-MORTEM JUNE 15 6:00 P.M.

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Deadline for contributions to Notes 4 U is noon Saturday. Please send your information to Mae at Denby.mae@gmail.com to have it Included.

Thanks!



PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

By Rob Smith

President's musings May 28, 2022

Friday, as I'm writing this is a wonderful bright, warm May day. Do you ever get an ear worm stuck in your head as you enjoy the beauty of nature on a May day? An old song got going in mine as I strolled (actually cleaned up dead brush in our windbreak). "While strolling through the park one day, In the merry, merry month of May, I was taken by surprise by a pair of roguish eyes. In a moment my poor heart was stole away. etc". Google tells me it is called Fountain in the Park and was written for vaudeville about 1880 by Ed Haley. It has been sung by many performers including Judy Garland and Bing Crosby.

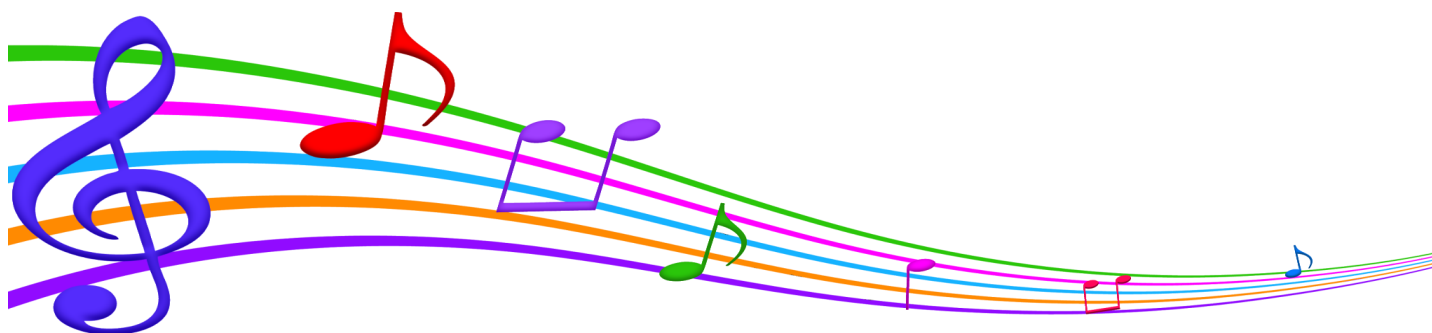


So, what does that have to do with RCS? Vaudeville and barbershop often sang romantic songs to or about women. Now that we are a mixed chorus many of our songs are also about romance but sometimes the words are changed to include both genders. Such songs are often audience favourites and most of the numbers in our spring show fit this category: Unchained Melody, Can't Help Falling in Love, Rhythm of Love, Daydream, Can You Feel the Love? And of course, I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles). I bet I'm not the only one who eventually had that one stuck in my head as an ear worm. The last 2 weeks some members have stayed around after rehearsal and sung in small groups. Maybe there is potential for Singing Valentines after all. Quartets are certainly a large part of the history of barbershop and it is wonderful to hear that tradition continuing. I encourage all of you to give it a try.

In Harmony, Rob

P.S.As I was unloading that pile of branches at the local landfill it occurred to me that some members may have no recollection of hearing "Fountain in the Park". Here's a link to a UTube of one fellow singing all 4 parts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noBLXQY4yuA>



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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BE A SINGER BRINGER!
WHOM WILL YOU INVITE TO
THE NEXT REHEARSAL?**

(Mention our Covid mandates to guests –
masks and triple vax!)



The brand-new offspring of RCS has two performances booked:

(1) Lindenwood Manor Tuesday 14 June at 2 - 3 pm.

(2) Good Neighbors Senior Center Wednesday 13 July at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.

The Women's VLQ will continue in the near future.





REHEARSAL SCHEDULE – JUNE 1, 2022



From Les Creek

6:55 to 7:00 Greetings
 7:00 to 7:30 Warmups and Craft
 7:30 to 8:15 Chorus Rehearsal – ‘Lindenwoods Set `

Beach Boys / Dream Lover
 Daydream
 I Wanna Hold Your Hand
 Best of Doo Wop
 Can't Help Falling in Love
 I'm Feeling Fine
 Yesterday



8:15 to 8:45 Break and Business Meeting
 8:45 to 9:20 Chorus Rehearsal – Lindenwoods Set part 2

Unchained Melody
 Can You Feel the Love Tonight
 Bridge Over Troubled Water
 Rhythm of Love
 Let There Be Peace on Earth
 Stand By Me



9:20 to 9:45 Tag Singing
 9:45 Wrap up and Final Song Irish Blessing

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

	Sectionals	Repertoire Review
June 8	as needed	Lindenwoods Show Package as above
June 15	Happy Holidays / Holiday Season	White Cliffs of Dover He's Got the Whole World

PREMIERE PERFORMANCE !!!

(COMMUNITY CHORUS)

From Len Paluck

RIVER CITY SOUND - UPCOMING PERFORMANCE

All members please fill out the Sign-Up sheet at rehearsal to indicate if you are able to attend or not able to join this event.

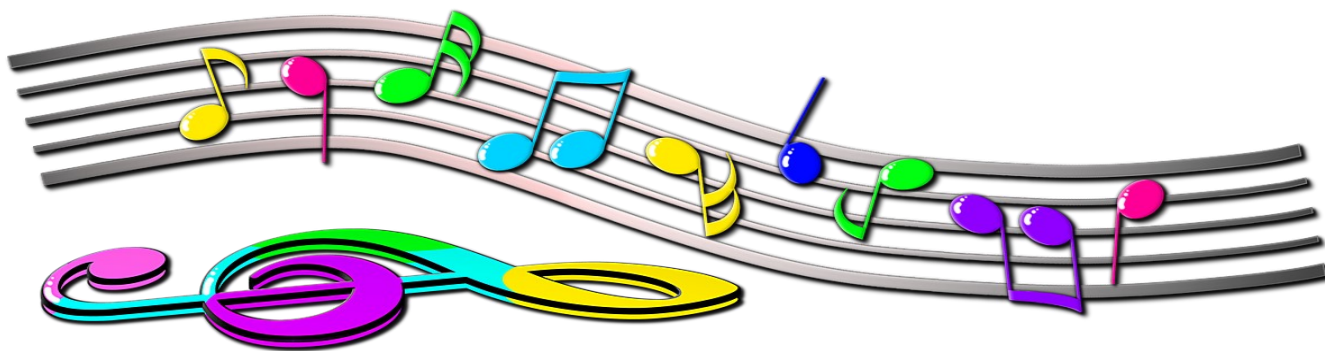
DATE: 14 June 2022

TIME: Arrive at 1:15 pm. Show time: 2 pm - 3pm.

VENUE: Lindenwood Manor

ADDRESS: 475 Lindenwood Drive East

EVENT: Lindenwood Seniors monthly Birthday party,
Audience size 75 people. Indoor event.



RIVER CITY SOUND CHARITY

Winnipeg Chapter – Oseredok

By Gordon Billows—Wpg Chapter Historian

On Saturday May 14th, the River City Sound chorus and quartets presented two performances for our Winnipeg audiences. Our show's theme ("Remember that Summer"), story line and song selection definitely brought many fond memories back to our patrons.

A Winnipeg Chapter annual show tradition is making a donation to a local charity. This year it was unanimously agreed that we should show our support for Ukraine. We invited representatives of the Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Education Centre to each performance to receive our donation of \$2000.00 from the proceeds of the shows. Those funds will help the Oseredok organization prepare to welcome the Ukrainian refugees arriving in Winnipeg shortly and to assist the families with their resettlement in our community. The audience's response to our support of Oseredok was very enthusiastic. This was certainly the right charity for us to support this year.



TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From Gordon Billows

And now for a few Director jokes!

Risers are a big waste of money. Why not buy a single tower for the director. You'd all see them better and, an added advantage, it would keep them from trying to become part of the first row of the chorus.

Have you ever seen an organization chart for your chapter? It will show the chorus director reporting to the Music VP. Get real. That's like a .433 batter reporting to a manager with a one-year contract.

I asked our directors if I could sing a solo while the chorus hummed in the background. They asked what my other two wishes were.

What did the choir director say to the nervous singer? b natural.

Two Baritone jokes were missed last week:

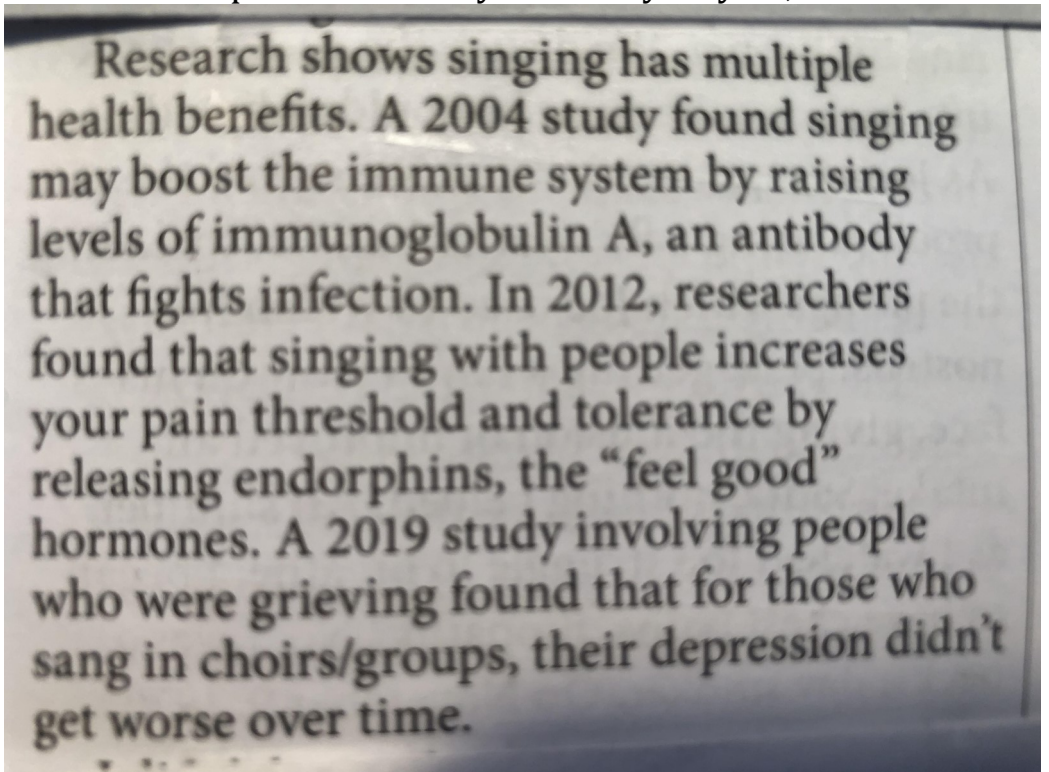
The only reason our pitch pipes have 13 notes is so that some wise guy (usually a Baritone) can "prove" that we dropped a half note.

A ten-year-old boy called his school office and disguised his voice. Speaking with as much Baritone as he could muster he said, "Timmy Smith is very sick and he can't come to school today." The school secretary said, "I'm sorry to hear that. Who is this?" And the boy said, "This is my Dad."



From Becki Ammeter

Source: Excsrpt from 'Eternity For Today May 25,2022



IMPORTANT DATES 4 U – -JUNE—JULY 2022

~ June 2022~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Music Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00	2	3 Happy Birthday Rhonda Grist	4
5	6	7	8 Exec Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00	9	10	11
12	13	14 RCSCC Lindenwood 2:00—3:00	15 Show Cmte 6:00 Rehearsal 7:00	16	17	18
19	20	21	Rehearsal 7:00	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Rehearsal 7:00	30		

~ July 2022~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>N.B. SUMMER PLANNING IS UNDERWAY. INFORMATION APPEARING HERE IS KNOWN. DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WATCH THIS SPACE! MEANWHILE, KEEP ON SINGING!</p>					1	2
3	4	5	6 Exec Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00	7	8	9
10 Happy Birthday Tony Grosvenor	11	12	13 RCSCC GOOD NEIGHBOURS (11:30 a.m.)	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 (24th) Happy Birthday Donna Paryniuk	25	26	27	28	29	30

River City Sound

Notes 4 U

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2022 Music Committee (not yet updated)

VP Music & Performance: Les Creek
Chorus Directors: Sherrie Bredesen, Larry Hunter
Tenor Section: Becki Ammeter
Lead Section: Chris Magas **Assistant** Charlie Siegal
Baritone Section: Paul Bullock, John Latham
Assistant: Len Paluck
Bass Section: Larry Bredesen, Bruce Wilton
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Music Research: Duncan Zaluski
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2022 Leadership Positions

Accountant: Gary Miles
In-person Meeting Attendance: Norm Silverberg
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Charities: Bruce Wilton
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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: Charlie Siegel
Wardrobe: Charlie Siegel; Ferryl Casselman
Website: (update and maintain) Chris Magas
2022 Spring Show Producer: Les Creek
2022 Spring Show Chairman: Bruce Wilton
2022 Spring Show Vice-Chair: Donna Paryniuk
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