

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER 7- Music Committee Meeting 5:30
SEPTEMBER 9—Good Neighbours Performance
SEPTEMBER 14—Executive meeting 5:30
SEPTEMBER 21- Christmas show committee meeting 5:30


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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 This week, "We are not (A)MUSED."

MUSIC

THE ORIGINAL
MOOD-ALTERING,
NON-FATTENING,
WONDER DRUG.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR
IF MUSIC IS RIGHT FOR YOU.

COMMON SIDE EFFECTIVES INCLUDE,
BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, SPONTANEOUS HAPPINESS,
INCREASED MEMORY AND MOTOR FUNCTION,
CONNECTION TO OTHERS, MOVEMENT OF THE FEET AND HEAD,
AND THE OCCASIONAL PERSISTENCE OF CATCHY MELODIES.

From Larry Bredesen

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!)



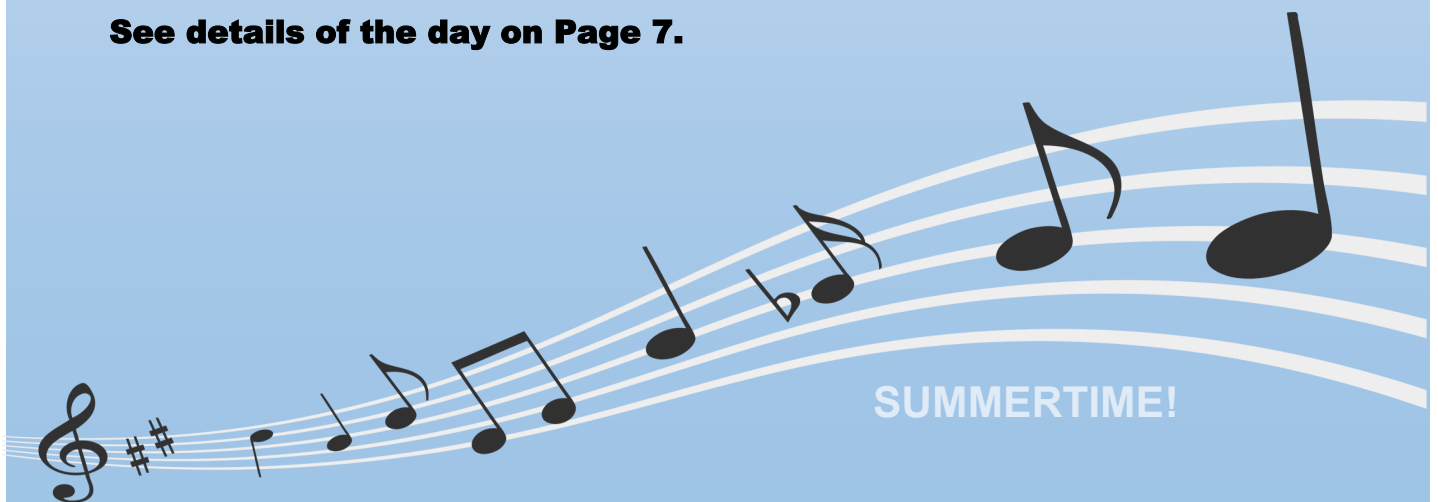
Next VLQ Rehearsal date t.b.a.

Any questions, call Wendy at 204-990-6058.



Good Neighbours

See details of the day on Page 7.



SUMMERTIME!

GOOD NEIGHBOURS SEPTEMBER 9 - SONG LIST

RIVER CITY SOUND HOUR SHOW (40-45 minutes)

Plus Optional Sing-Along Portion

I'M FEELING FINE

MC

BEST OF DOO WOP

CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE

MC

BBSHOP DEMO – LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART

MC

STAND BY ME

MC

HELLO, MARY LOU

MC

UNCHAINED MELODY

MC

DREAM LOVER

MC

500 MILES

YESTERDAY

MC

CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE TONIGHT?

MC

SING ALONG if necessary or desired (NOTE: SING ALONG SPOT MIGHT BE OMITTED OR MOVED DEPENDING ON THE AUDIENCE DINNER SITUATION)

MC

RHYTHM OF LOVE

MC

LET THERE BE PEACE

MC

IMAGINE

READY, SET, SING!

FROM Les Creek

Welcome to week 3 of the fall rehearsal season! As I mentioned on Wednesday last, we have a very ambitious schedule ahead of us in the next few weeks. We have the Good Neighbours performance next Friday at 11:30, Cass's funeral on Sept 23rd, and the Gimli Kiwanis Gala the evening of September 24th. There is another performance tentatively scheduled for late October, and we'd also like to sing for some adjudicators and clinicians at ChoralFest - date and time yet to be determined.

ChoralFest gives us the opportunity to sing 2 or 3 pieces in front of a couple of well regarded choral clinicians, It will also provide us with two 20 minute clinics, so it will be an opportunity to have some input on our sound and presentation from very knowledgeable outsiders. This is something we should all be looking forward to.

That being said, the Learn to Sing Better program will start the Wednesday after Thanksgiving, so our Christmas show preparations will be impacted as we will spend about an hour each week learning 2 new arrangements and supporting the LTSB participants.

So, with all of this going on this month, we have had to adjust our rehearsal schedule somewhat. Please note the following changes:

- 1. Physical warmup will start at 6:55 sharp, so be ready for it.**
- 2. Vocal warmup and craft will start at 7:00 and will last 20 minutes.** It is **IMPERATIVE** that you arrive at rehearsal with your **voice fully 'warmed up' and ready to sing!** Hopefully these will be short term measures, but they are needed to ensure that we can present our best to our paying clients, and to continue learning (and re-learning) our Christmas show repertoire.

I also wanted to remind everyone that some of our past members may be joining us for the Sept 21 rehearsal to review music that is being sung by the men at Cass's funeral. While this is going on, the ladies VLQ will rehearse.

Please, please bring all of your Christmas music to rehearsals, as the schedule may change from time to time at short notice.

We do have a challenging month ahead of us. I'm positive that we can rise to the challenge and that we will excel in our performances!

Have a great week everyone.

Les





REHEARSAL SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 7, 2022



6:50 to 6:55 Greetings
 6:55 to 7:20 Warmup (Physical and vocal)
 7:20 to 7:45 New Music –sectionals
 Little Saint Nick
 Believe
 Slow Rockin’ Christmas



7:45 to 8:45 Chorus Rehearsal
 Lost in the Stars
 Happy Holidays / Holiday Season
 Good Neighbours set list
 Little Saint Nick



8:45 to 9:00 Break and Business Meeting
 9:00 to 9:45 Chorus Rehearsal
 Good Neighbours set list (continued)
 Little Saint Nick
 Slow Rockin Christmas

9:45 Wrap up and Final Song— Irish Blessing

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

Sectionals

Repertoire Review

Sept 9 (Friday) 11:30 Good Neighbours performance at Bronx Park Community Centre

Arrive at 10:30

Sept 14	Believe	Believe
	Light One Candle	Everybody’s Waiting
	Little Saint Nick	Little Saint Nick
	Slow Rockin’ Christmas	Slow Rockin’ Christmas
		Spiritual Medley
		Can’t Help Falling
		Keep The Whole World Singing
		Gimli set list (as needed)
Sept 21	Believe Cass’s set list	(with past members)
	Slow Rockin Christmas	Gimli Set List
	Light One Candle	Ladies VLQ

SEPTEMBER 9: GOOD NEIGHBOURS—DETAILS OF THE DAY

1. We will be performing in a gymnasium with concrete walls. We will use the wooden risers, placed against a long wall. The patrons will be seated at round tables of 6 facing the risers and will be served their meal at their tables at approximately 12:15. There will be little or no admission to the gymnasium after 11:30. They are planning for up to 180 patrons, but on the day we met, had only 79 confirmed. There are other entertainers after their meal.

2. We will have a dedicated room set aside for our use while at Bronx Park. It is the 'Computer Room' down a short corridor on the left of the main entrance. We will have chairs and tables as needed, as well as a coat rack in the room if it is raining, and is large enough for warm ups and 'run-through'. The room will be locked when we are performing, so it will be a secure place to leave purses, etc. It is available to us after 10:00. There are no change rooms available so please arrive dressed for performance (blue RCS polo shirts with black pants / slacks / skirts).

3. We will be provided with a pizza lunch after the performance, which will be in the 'Computer Room', at no cost. We do need to let them know the number of singers that will be staying for lunch. Water, coffee and tea will also be provided.

4. The performance day schedule is as follows:

9:30 Riser delivery and set up and sound system set up (Len, Les, and anyone else that wishes to help).

10:30 Chorus gathers at Bronx Park

10:45 Warm up and show run through

11:25 Chorus ready at gymnasium doors to enter together

11:30 The Good Neighbours MC will introduce special guests and make announcements, and will lead the group in singing O Canada (probably the English Only version).

11:35 River City Sound performance - we supply our own MC for our performance.

12:15 RCS performance complete. NOTE: there is a chance that they will ask us to sing for an additional 5 - 7 minutes in case the food is not ready to be served, so we will need to have a couple more encore songs ready. They were very interested in have a short (5 minute) demo of barbershop singing as part of the program

12:20 Tear down of sound system and movement of risers to the rear gym doors (help in moving and loading the risers would be appreciated).

5. Parking - Bronx Park has some parking in its lot but it is limited. There seems to be ample parking on the streets around the centre, so we would ask those who can park on the street to do so, leaving the lot for anyone with mobility issues.



RIVER CITY SOUND PERFORMANCE OUTFITS 2022

Sept.9th, Good Neighbours Show

Men and women: Blue RCS golf shirts, black pants/skirts. Black shoes

Sept.24th, Fraserwood (Gimli) Kiwanis Show

Men: Tuxedos, white shirt, red ties

Ladies: black skirt or dress pants, (Black hose if the skirt is short), black sleeved blouses/tops, red sequin scarf, tied anyway you like

Christmas Show

The ladies are planning to have a long black skirt made so that they all look alike onstage. Sherrie is checking out a seamstress after seeing an ad from someone hosting a Ukrainian lady that is a talented seamstress looking for work.

We will be looking at dressy black tops to compliment the skirts. All the ladies who wish to can participate in looking for something that we all like. One of the selected ideas was a sheer black top with a colourful beaded design on the front. We are looking to see if we can find a top to buy for all the ladies or perhaps have something made. We are mindful that we want to keep the costs as reasonable as possible since we will be paying for these ourselves, unless the Wardrobe Grant comes through.



A VERY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

River City & Sound

A Cappella Chorus
invites you to
**Learn to Sing
(Better)**



It's easy!
It's fun!!
It's free!!!

Open to All
7 Wednesday Evenings
Singing Instruction
4 part a cappella harmony
All material provided
Sing on stage Dec 10, 2022
No obligation to continue

Starts Wed Oct 19, 6:45 PM

St. Andrews River Heights United Church
255 Oak Street, Winnipeg

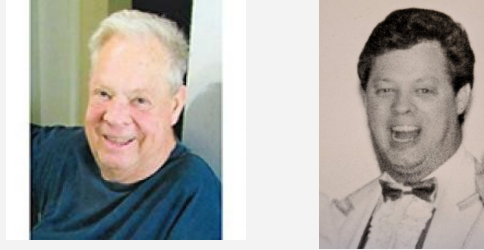
For information, contact Wendy
(204)990 6058 LTSBRCS2022@GMAIL.COM
All participants must show proof of vaccination

Learn to Sing (Better) - 2022 edition

The LTSB is back! Please let your friends know about it. We're looking for lots of participants to arrive on October 19. If you have any questions contact Paul or Wendy.

IN MEMORIAM

Ed Taylor (1946—2022)



We say farewell to **Ed Taylor**, a respected and dedicated member of the Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen and the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA) for 13 years (1985 to 1998). During that time, Ed served in a number of important Winnipeg Chapter positions—Music VP, Wardrobe, Hair of the Dog, Ticket Sales, Convention Committee, and Community Service. In 1989, he was named the Winnipeg Chapter’s Barbershopper of the Year. Ed enjoyed singing Lead in the Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen Chorus. He now joins many of his riser-mates who are singing in the Barbershopper’s Chapter Eternal.

As he requested in his obituary, “Please lift a glass and enjoy one last drink in my memory.” We will certainly do that, Ed!

Ed Taylor’s obituary is in the Sept. 3rd Free Press and can be seen at the following website:

https://passages.winnipegfreepress.com/passage-details/id-310258/TAYLOR_EDWARD





Stress is caused by not enough music.

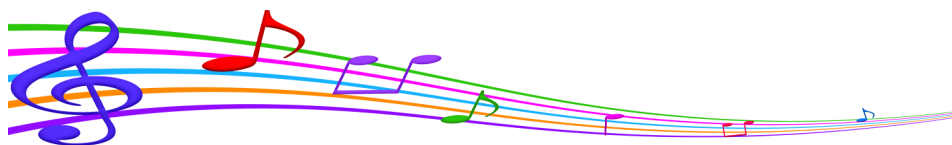
One story—two sources:

Gordon Billows

In the LOL district there is a group called the Prison Quartet, not because they each have criminal records. "We call ourselves the prison quartet," they said, "because we're always behind a few bars and always looking for the key."

& Larry Bredesen

While I was preaching in a church in Mississippi, the pastor announced that their prison quartet would be singing the following evening. I wasn't aware there was a prison in the vicinity and I looked forward to hearing them. The next evening, I was puzzled when four members of the church approached the stage. Then the pastor introduced them. "This is our prison quartet," he said, "behind a few bars and always looking for the key."



~ September 2022~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Music Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55	8	9 🤩 Good Neighbours Performance	10
11	12	13	14 Exec Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Rehearsal 6:55	22	23	24
25	26	27 Happy Birthday Milt Muldrew	28 Rehearsal 6:55	29	30	

A taste of what you could hear at the Land O’ Lakes Convention (Oct 13—15)!

(Gordon Billows—LOL IPP)

Main Street (Sunshine District)

Will be the featured entertainers/coaches/friends at the Land O’ Lakes Convention!



From the Barbershop Harmony’s website:

<https://www.barbershop.org/main-street-wins-international-quartet-championship>

Two of Main Street’s very popular songs:

Evolution of Dance Medley <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8EWVbpUSq4>

Pop Songs Medley <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuV3xmEn9a4&t=119s>

River City Sound

Notes 4 U

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www.rivercitysound.ca

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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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Learning Track Librarian: Duncan Zaluski

2022 Leadership Positions

Accountant: Gary Miles
In-person Meeting Attendance: Norm Silverberg
50/50: Norm Silverberg
Awards Banquet Chairs: Gary & Ricki Miles
Charities: Bruce Wilton
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: 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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