

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday Rehearsals Nov. 27 & Dec. 4 7:00 p.m.
St. Andrews UC Auditorium 255 Oak St.

Dec. 10 Christmas Show: Celebrate the Magic
2:30 & 7:00 Prairie Spirit

Dec 14—Christmas Show Wind-up (regular rehearsal time)

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Deadline for contributions to

Notes 4 U is noon Saturday.

Please send your information to Mae at

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PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

By Rob Smith

President's musings Nov 19th, 2022

Choral music is alive and well in Manitoba. This morning a significant number of River City Sound folks sang at Choralfest. In my humble opinion and in the opinion of the 2 adjudicators/coaches who spoke with us, we had a great performance. Of course, they had some suggestions for us, taller vowel sounds, more open/higher pallet when we hum, more synchronized and percussive on some sounds such as "do" and "fa". We had heard most of these before. But they agreed we were very entertaining and we were even smiling (amazing). I believe it was very worthwhile for us to participate even so early in the morning. It was also a chance to re-familiarize ourselves with the acoustics of the performance venue where we will present our concerts in 3 weeks. It is a very lively venue. We can hear ourselves and each other better and it seems to make it easier to sing. We heard two other vocal groups who were in our same "pod". They were great but I did notice that they held their music. One of the adjudicators commented about our having memorized words and music (she was impressed with that). Marg and I stayed on to hear the next 2 choirs because one of our grandsons was in one of them, the St. James Assiniboia Senior Choir. The final group we heard were young singers from Brandon. Both groups performed very challenging selections and did them well. It is from hearing these 5 choral groups that I say Choral music is alive and well in Manitoba. We are a small but growing chorus but there are many choral groups in the province. In a way we compete for membership and for audiences. In the big scheme of things I think we are doing well but we aspire to do even better. Now if only someone had taken a photo of us all looking so sharp in our new blue shirts so I could include it in "musings".

Rob

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

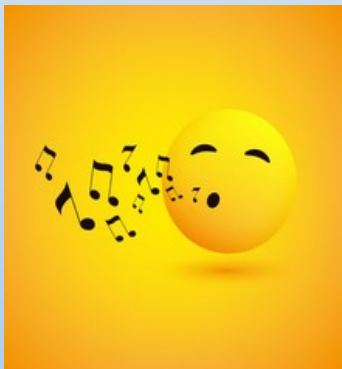
**BE A SINGER BRINGER!
WHOM WILL YOU INVITE
TO THE NEXT REHEARSAL?**

(Mention our Covid mandates to guests –
vax!)



See 2023Chapter Ex-
ecutive on page 12

**LTSB FINAL LESSON!!!
BUT THE BEAT GOES ON.**



TWO (2!!!) Rehearsal Schedules in this issue!!!



MESSAGE

From Les Creek

Wow! November 20th! Where has the time flown?? It all seems to be such a blur. Green grass to 5 inches of snow overnight. Changing tires. Changing drive belts on my snowblower. Oh yeah - getting ready for the Christmas show and for our Choralfest performance - we managed to get that in there too.

What a great experience Choralfest was, even though we had to rise at 5:30 to get to Prairie Spirit by 8:30 and warm up. Apparently some of us needed more coffee than we actually had, but it all came together in time for the performance, and the adjudicators all appreciated the effort. Being the first performers of the day was a blessing and a curse: we didn't have to compare ourselves to anyone else, but we didn't have a whole lot of time to warm up those vocal folds. We got to hear two other choruses, the Rainbow Harmony Project, and the Ecco Singers; both very enjoyable presentations and well worth watching. Sherrie circulated the comments from the adjudicators, and they were all positive about our sound and our blend. There are always a couple of things that we can do better (and there always will be!) so that provides a path forward. The clinicians (adjudicators) were a real treat to work with and they provided some new ideas. I highly recommend that we do this again next year.

This week is the last of the formal lessons of the LTSB program. We'll spend much of our hour together working on the presentation of the 3 pieces that are part of the program, mostly on the risers. Next week we'll spend the hour working on the second half of the show, getting everybody used to coming on and off the risers with little disruption to the show script and ongoing performances.

For the rest of the chorus, this week we'll be introducing some choreo for Happy Holidays, as well as working on all of the show music. In addition, we'll have 2 quartets auditioning for the show. The River City Sisters will audition at our rehearsal next Sunday evening.

Speaking of Sunday rehearsals, they are at River Heights St Andrews and will begin at 7pm and run until 9. Please try to arrive with your voice warmed up and ready to sing. There is also a rough outline of the schedule for Sunday included in today's Notes,

Stay well everyone and see you Wednesday.





REHEARSAL SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 23 2022



From Les Creek

- 6:55 to 7:05 Physical warmup
- 7:05 to 7:55 LTSB Program – week 6
 - 7:05 to 7:35 Vocal warmup and lesson
 - 7:35 to 7:55 Chorus rehearsal
 - Joy to the World
 - The First Noel
 - Light One Candle
- 7:55 to 8:20 Quartet Auditions
- 8:20 to 8:40 Break and Business Meeting
- 8:40 to 8:55 Choreo – Happy Holidays
- 8:55 to 9:55 Chorus Rehearsal
 - Lost in the Stars
 - Everybody’s Waiting for the Man
 - Little Saint Nick
 - Believe
 - O Holy Night
 - Halleluyah
 - Let There Be Peace on Earth
 - Slow Rockin’ Christmas
- 9:55 Wrap up and Final Song Let There Be Peace on Earth



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

- Nov 27 (Sunday 7pm) Christmas Show set list
 - VLQ Audition
- Nov 30 LTSB – week 7 Christmas Show set List
- Dec 4 (Sunday 7 pm) Christmas Show set list
- Dec 7 Christmas show dress rehearsal
- Dec 9 Christmas show set up at Prairie Spirit
- Dec 10 Christmas show – schedule to be determined.



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 2022

From Les Creek

6:55 to 7:05

Physical warmup

7:05 to 7:20

Vocal warmup

7:20 to 7:50

Choreo review



Happy Holidays

Slow Rocking Christmas

Lost in the Stars

7:50 to 8:05

VLQ Audition

8:05 to 8:55

Chorus Rehearsal



Lost in the Stars

Everybody's Waiting for the Man

Little Saint Nick

Believe

O Holy Night

Halleluyah

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Slow Rockin' Christmas

Light One Candle

8:55 Wrap up and Final Song

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Christmas Show Windup

Wed, Dec 14, 7:00 p.m.

St. Andrews Church auditorium

The Christmas show windup will be held during our regular rehearsal time on Wed, Dec 14 in our regular rehearsal venue. There will be coffee and tea available and anyone who would like to do so is welcome to bring a snack to share. We'll set up some tables with chairs, like we did last year and take time to visit, talk about the Christmas show and sing. We will do the draw for the raffle prizes at 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend including the Learn To Sing Better participants, whether or not you were able to sing at the show.

Paul and Shirley

CHRISTMAS SHOW SET LIST

From Herold Driedger



CELEBRATE THE MAGIC

Saturday, December 10th, 2022 2:30 PM and 7 PM

Prairie Spirit United Church, 205 Thompson, Winnipeg, MB

Chorus

HALLELUYA

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

LITTLE SAINT NICK

EVERYBODY'S WAITIN' FOR THE MAN WITH THE BAG

SLOW ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS

LOST IN THE STARS

BELIEVE

JOY TO THE WORLD (LTSB)

THE FIRST NOEL (LTSB)

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

O HOLY NIGHT

Quartets (plus)

Harlequin WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES AROUND

Honeycomb HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

River City Sisters CANDY CANE LANE

Honeycomb BIG BAND SANTA

Harlequin DIDDLEY SQUAT

Leather 'n Lace I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Harlequin DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

Leather 'n Lace WHO IS THIS TINY CHILD?



TORONTO TRIP - SING CANADA HARMONY

From Gordon Billows—Wpg Chapter Historian

A good early flight to Toronto on Friday gave me an opportunity to contact former member Dr. Martin Gurvey of Avenue/Wilson Chiropractic. We met at the Crown Plaza Hotel at 3 and spent almost two hours catching up on each other's lives, our families and our chapters. A fantastic afternoon! Before parting, we had a few pictures taken and Martin asked me to give his greeting to his Barbershop family in Winnipeg. He has many, many fond memories here. We parted with a warm hug. He had to navigate the wild Toronto traffic home and I needed to rush off to the start of our Sing Canada Harmony meeting.

As indicated in the title, I am in Toronto attending a Sing Canada Board meeting (first face to face meeting in 3 years). Our board attendees (10 were present and 4 others joined via Zoom) were representatives from Canadian BHS, SAI and HI chapters. The sessions on Friday and all day Saturday have been very productive and we again have some important items to address on Sunday morning. Already, I have several major projects to accomplish in the next few weeks and will start them on Monday. I should be returning Sunday evening – just in time to Zoom into the LOL District meeting. Hopefully, I will be able to catch a few minutes of the Grey Cup game and see the Blue Bombers win!!

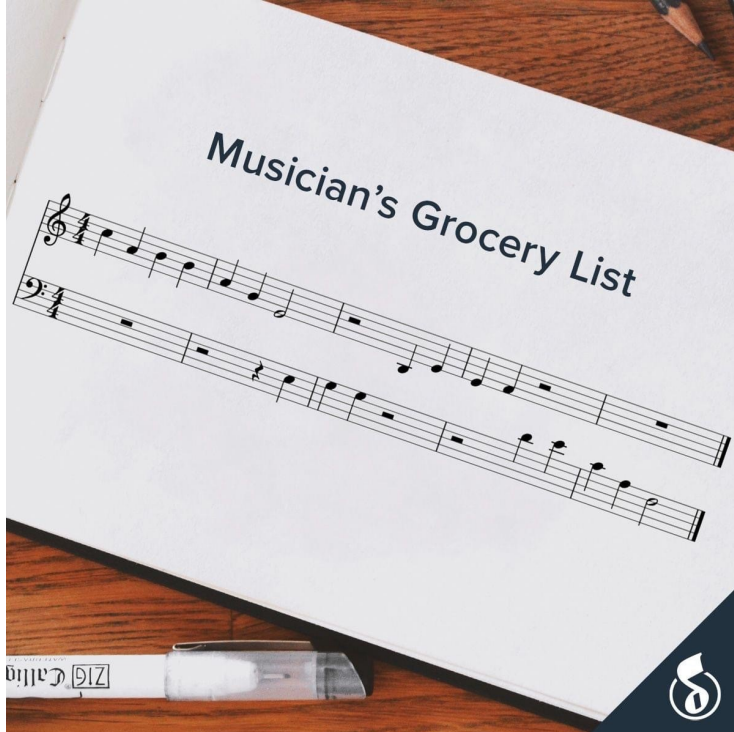
Tonight (Saturday) we went out to a nearby restaurant for dinner to take a much needed break. Just before the bills came, we heard a large group of male teenagers and parents at the other end of the restaurant singing Happy Birthday, almost in tune at times and sometimes together. Well, some of you will guess this, I figured that perhaps some of us BBS singers could also wish the birthday person a Happy Birthday. I got some OK's from our group and I went to ask whose birthday it was, etc. They were a youth hockey team from Norway and the birthday person was Ben from Oslo. I gathered the BBS singers near Ben, said that there were some great BBS singers in Norway and some of us Canadian BBS's would like to wish him Happy Birthday also. The gathering of about 40 players and parents were thrilled and thanked us for doing this special performance for Ben all the rest of them. Barbershoppers do not need much encouragement to sing, eh!



Martin Gurvey
&
Gordon Billows -
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TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

From here and there. . .



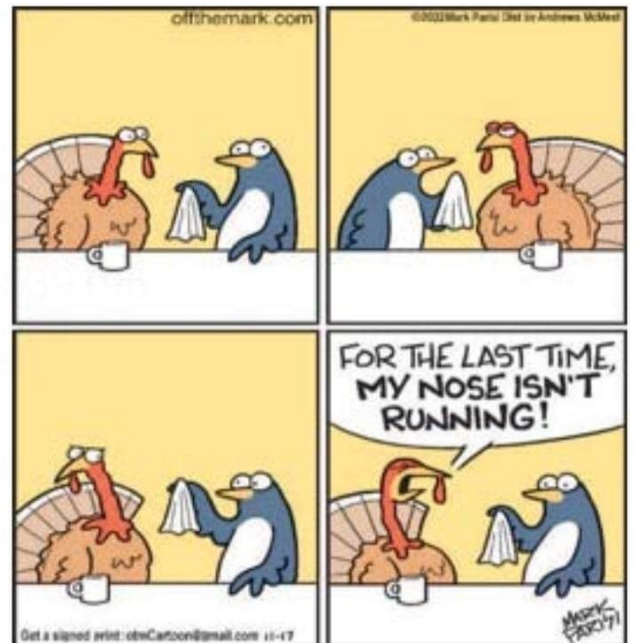
From Becki Ammeter


SPEED BUMP







OFF THE MARK

Post-Covid



~ November 2022~											
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				Exec. Committee 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55							
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				Christmas Show Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55		Happy Birthday Wendy Lamont				Choralfest 9:00 a.m.	
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Rehearsal 7:00						Rehearsal 6:55					

~ December 2022~											
Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
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		Happy Birthday Ferryl Casselman									
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River City Sound

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Chorus Directors: Sherrie Bredesen, Larry Hunter
Tenor Section: Becki Ammeter
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Music Research: Duncan Zaluski
Sheet Music Librarian: Len Paluck
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2022 Leadership Positions

Accountant: Gary Miles
In-person Meeting Attendance: Norm Silverberg
50/50: Norm Silverberg
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Grey Cup Pool Chair: Rob Smith
Historian: Gordon Billows
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2022 Spring Show Producer: Les Creek
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