



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday Rehearsal Dec. 4 7:00 p.m. St. Andrews
 Dec 7: Show (Brian) & Raffle (Paul) Funds and Tickets Due
 Dec. 10: Celebrate the Magic
 2:30 & 7:00 Prairie Spirit
 Dec 14—Christmas Show Wind-up (regular rehearsal time)

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~~PDF~~ 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.



PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

By Rob Smith

President's musings Dec 3rd, 2022

Interesting how things work out. We've heard Sherrie tell us about the cone or the pyramid of sound that we need to make good chords with lots of sound at the base and progressively less sound in the higher voice parts. It doesn't take a lot of tenors to balance a chord but it does take quite a few of the lower parts: basses and baris. When the whole chorus is singing, the bari section sometimes could benefit from a few more voices. Along comes LTSB 2022 and guess what? A significant number of the participants end up in the bari section and it looks like several are planning to continue singing with us in the New Year. Along with the possibility of new voices in the other sections, our chorus will be a whole lot stronger with a fuller sound and a bigger stage presence. We can certainly hear that as we sing the numbers for Celebrate the Magic. Now Mae and the music committee are contemplating what numbers to include for the chorus, quartets and others in the spring show. We already know we can produce a big resonant sound so they will have lots of leeway in their selections as long as we start learning (re-learning) them early in the new year. Some of us are already planning winter vacations but that doesn't let us off the hook for learning music. When Tia was a puppy he chewed the cord for my headphones so I guess I'll need to replace them before our Cuba vacation.

Rob

Gosh, that close? Rob

Free singing apps to make you a better vocalist

shared by Larry Hunter

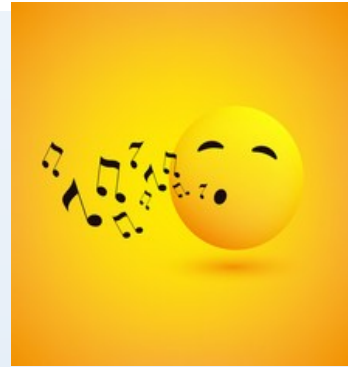
A list of apps members may consider using for improving their vocal skills at home:

<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!)

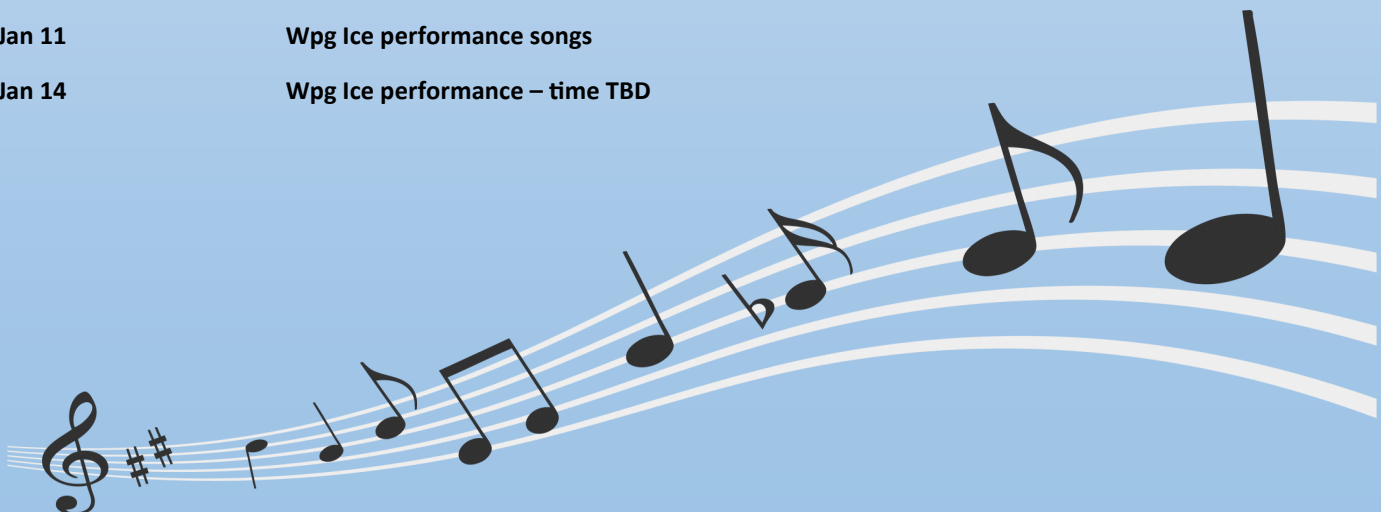


Don't forget about the wind up evening on the 14th. We'll have some snacks and coffee, some great conversation, and we'll make the raffle draw at 9:00. The president of the Backpacks for Hope organization will be joining us that evening. Bring your partner(s), spouse(s), significant other(s), etc. Oh, and we might do some singing too.....



READY FOR 2023?

Jan 4, 2023	First 2023 rehearsal - O Canada Can You Feel the Love I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles) Others from basic show package
Jan 11	Wpg Ice performance songs
Jan 14	Wpg Ice performance – time TBD



RAFFLE TICKET UPDATE

Thanks to all who have already returned ticket stubs and money for the raffle tickets. Others can do so on Dec 4 or 7. The stubs and the money should be in an envelope together. The money can be either cash or a cheque made out to River City Sound.

ALL TICKET BOOKS (sold, unsold, partially sold) must be turned in to me by DEC 7. I will need to have unsold raffle tickets organized and ready for sale at our show on Dec 10. If you can turn in the money for the tickets on Dec 7 as well, that will be helpful.

The raffle prizes will be on display in the foyer of Prairie Spirit United Church on Dec 10th. We hope that will draw attention to the raffle and spur last minute ticket sales. But please do your best to sell as many tickets beforehand as possible. It would be wonderful if all tickets were sold before Dec 10 and there were none left to sell at the show.

The draw will occur at our windup on Dec 14. Susan Zuk, President of the Osvita Foundation, will be attending our windup and will see the draw for the prizes. We will present her with a cheque from the raffle proceeds and take lots of photos so that we can use them for future promotion.

Thanks everyone for your efforts to make this a successful and bountiful fund-raiser.

Paul

CHRISTMAS SHOW WINDUP

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

St. Andrews Church auditorium

- The windup will be in lieu of our regular rehearsal on Dec 14
- Everyone is welcome including Learn to Sing Better participants (whether or not you sang at the show), spouses, significant others
- Setup will be tables with chairs around them
- It will be a time to visit, review the Christmas show, do some casual singing for fun
- Coffee and tea (perhaps some soft drinks) will be available
- If you are inclined, bring along a snack to share
- The draw for raffle prizes is scheduled for 9:00 p.m.

Raffle proceeds will be presented to a representative from Manitoba Parents for Ukrainian Education

- The windup will be very relaxed, fun and a great way to decompress after all of the hard work everyone has put into the Christmas show
- Come on out and enjoy!

Paul and Shirley

LEARN TO SING BETTER PROGRAM

Congratulations to the Learn To Sing registrants who completed the 7-week LTSB program. Congrats to:

Susan Altomare

Donna Boyle

Michael Broadfoot

Alison Kennedy

Alison Kolisny

Lynn Langdon

Heather Lumsden

Carol Seburn

Mariaina Sommer

Brad Trupp

It was a pleasure to host you and we hope you all enjoyed singing with us. We look forward to sharing the stage with you at our Christmas Show at Prairie Spirit United Church, 207 Thompson Drive on Saturday, December 10th. It is a great experience to sing in front of a live audience.

For those of you singing on our show, we would appreciate you arriving at the Prairie Spirit United Church at noon on the 10th. Members will be bringing their own lunches so feel free to do the same if you wish. For those of you who have paid for the pizza lunch it will be delivered at 5:00 pm between the afternoon and evening shows.

Instructions for parking will be provided at this week's rehearsal however in the past the Church parking lot has been reserved for our patrons so parking on the street has been recommended. When you arrive at the Church, use the main door where our volunteers will show you where to go.

For those of you who started the program with us and didn't continue, we hope you enjoyed your brief time with us and wish you all the best in the future. If you would like to purchase tickets for our show, they will be available to purchase at the door at a cost of \$25.00 each (children 12 and under free). Our shows are being held at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm December 10th.

Wendy Lamont

MESSAGE

From Les Creek

IT'S ALL COMING TOGETHER!!! All the hard work learning and re-learning our Christmas show music, learning new choreography (while remembering which foot is the left one, and not falling off the risers....), and looking after all the details that are associated with putting on a show. Kudos to Herold for putting together a great show, and to Paul and Shirley for chairing the committee and ensuring all of the non-show details are looked after. You've all done a great job!

Congratulation to both Paul and Larry B for their great promotions on Global and CTV last week, and I'm looking forward to hearing Hal Anderson's interview with Gayle on Monday. And, of course, to each and every one of you as you do your utmost to promote the show and sell tickets for both the show and raffle. It will be a great show! Gayle and Becki have worked so hard to obtain time slots with the media, and to get notices in the print media as well. And Andrea and others have kept the social media platforms loaded with promo material. Even with all of this effort, it comes down to each and every one of us to promote the show to our family and friends and neighbours.

Of course this week will be busier than usual, as we have our extra rehearsal on Sunday evening, and the full dress rehearsal on Wednesday. We aren't asking the LTSB show participants to attend on Sunday, but they are most certainly welcome to do so. We do ask that they attend on Wednesday, and that they be prepared to stay for the whole evening, as we may have to work on some staging or music that involves them. On both Sunday and Wednesday, we will be going through the show music in order.

That brings us to Friday evening. That is when we move all of our equipment from St. Andrews River Heights to Prairie Spirit, and begin the stage and sound set up. We'll meet at 6 or before at St Andrews to start staging the equipment (as we can't use the elevator before 6 due to the day care). We'll then load the equipment into our trailer and take everything over to Prairie Spirit and unload it. WE NEED HELP on Friday evening, so if you can spare a couple of hours it would be greatly appreciated. Once everything is in Prairie Spirit and the risers are set up, a few of us will start setting up the microphones etc.

That brings us to Saturday. I've included a schedule for Saturday so please please be on time, or even early..... The real big unknown is how long the sound checks will take. As most of you know, we will have a videographer for the afternoon show, and he will be there for most of the sound checks to ensure that the audio that is sent to the cameras is as good as we can make it. Once the evening show is over, we have to take down the risers and sound equipment and load the trailer again.

The absolute most important part of Saturday is that each and every one of us HAS FUN!! This is what we do for fun - bringing joy and laughter and a good feeling to our family and friends.

See you Sunday!

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REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

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From Les Creek

6:55 to 7:05	Physical warmup
7:05 to 7:20	Vocal warmup
7:20 to 9:55	Chorus Show Rehearsal All songs in show performance order With MCs, quartets and River City Sisters
8:30 to 8:45	Break and Business Meeting
8:45 to 9:55	Chorus Show Rehearsal (continued)
9:55	Wrap up and Final Song Irish Blessing



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

- 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.
- Dec 14 Chorus wind up at ST Andrews River Heights



MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW PRODUCER

Hi all:

Thank you for all of the work you have been doing on your own to get ready for our Christmas show. Our last rehearsal, on Wednesday, December 7, will be a show run through complete with script and LTSB singers present. We'll be looking for last minute glitches. But as for the LTSB singers, the RCS chorus, the quartets and ladies ensemble, we are as ready as we are going to be for the two shows on Saturday, December the 10th. There is no more time for rehearsal or polishing.

So on show day, resolve to...smile, move and look happy...because you will remember everything and execute it well. Should you make a wee error...which you won't because on show days our training and practice kicks in and our performance goes up a notch or two, even if we are nervous...don't be a stick...smile, move and be happy. Let the people in our audience see us having fun...smiling and moving and being happy.

We're all stage hams at heart, so enjoy being on stage on Saturday. Have fun!

Thanks again,

/ Herold



CHRISTMAS SHOW SET LIST

From Herold Driedger



CELEBRATE THE MAGIC

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

Prairie Spirit United Church, 207 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?



SHOW DAY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 10

9:30 stage crew, arrive at church
Final Stage Dressing
Final microphone setup

10:15 MCs and Quartets Arrive at Church – ready to sing

10:15 to 11:00 MC and Quartet Sound Check

MCs
Harlequin
Honeycomb
Leather 'N Lace



10:30 Chorus Arrive at Church

10:45 to 11:00 Chorus warm up

11:30 LTSB participants arrive at church – warmed up and prepared to sing

11:00 to 12:15 Chorus Sound Check and Mini Show run-through

12:15 to 1:00 Lunch

1:00 to 1:30 Dressing

1:30 to 2:15 Brief vocal warmup and HYDRATION

2:15 ready at stage entrance

2:30 to 4:30 afternoon performance

4:30 to 5:10 greet friends and family

5:10 to 6:00 supper meal

6:00 to 6:20 dressing

6:20 to 6:50 vocal warmup and HYDRATION

6:50 ready at stage entrance

7:00 to 9:00 evening show

9:00 to 9:15 photos

9:15 to 9:30 greet friends and family

9:30 to 10:00 changing and stage teardown

TICKETS: TIPS & TRICKS

by Brian Metcalfe

This year's "Celebrate the Magic" Christmas show is less than two weeks away. **The deadline for all tickets sales is Wednesday, Dec.7th.** At this rehearsal, all ticket revenue (which we hope is large) and any returned tickets (which we hope are small) must be turned into Brian Metcalfe in an **envelope** together with a **cheque(s) made payable to "River City Sound"**. Brian would appreciate that each person provide him with an envelope containing: your name, the number of tickets received, the number of ticket sold, and the number of tickets returned (if any). Indicate the sales total value on the outside of the envelope and, if possible, convert all cash sales to a personal cheque which you enclose on the inside. Believe me, with all the tasks that need to be accomplished at this last rehearsal before our show, Brian will appreciate your support in this way.



NO UN-PAID SHOW TICKETS WILL BE HELD IN RESERVE AT THE DOOR

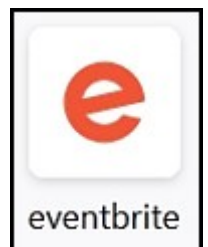
If a chorus member wishes to reserve a ticket for a patron, and the patron is not able to pick up and pay for the ticket before hand, the chorus member must purchase the ticket out of his/her own pocket and pay Brian Metcalfe as noted above. Such a "reserved & paid ticket" should be placed in an envelope. Please PRINT the following details on the outside of the envelope:

1. the patron's name;
2. the ticket seller's name;
3. the number of tickets and performance (AFT or EVE); and
4. the words "PAID TICKETS".

Advise patrons that they can pick up their paid ticket from the volunteers at the "NEED TICKETS" table. **This "paid ticket" envelope should be given to Brian on or before December 7th.**

EVENTBRITE ONLINE TICKETS

If you know patrons, who have purchased online tickets through Eventbrite, please ask them to show their printed Eventbrite ticket to the volunteers at the "HAVE TICKETS" table at the front door of the church. Take care & keep smiling :-)



TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES

CAUTION




Exposure to music:


May cause sudden outbursts of joy, happiness, energy, creativity, awareness, increased talent, extreme amounts of FUN.



PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK!



~ December 2022~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rehearsal 7:00			Rehearsal 6:55		Happy Birthday Karen Janzen	CELEBRATE THE MAGIC 2:30 & 7:00
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Christmas Windup 7:00 pm St/Andrews			
18 						24
	26 Hanukka ends	27	28	29	30	31 
	Happy Birthday Ferryl Casselman					

~ January 2023 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	Happy Birthday Shirley Christie MUSIC cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55	5	6	7
	Happy Birthday Chris Magas					Happy Birthday Charlie Siegel
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Exec.cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 6:55			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Rehearsal 6:55			Happy Birthday Gordon Billows
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Rehearsal 6:55	Happy Birthday Les Creek	Happy Birthday Becki Ammeter	
29	30	31				

River City Sound

Notes 4 U

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www.rivercitysound.ca

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2023 Chapter Executive

President: Rob Smith
Executive VP: Wendy Lamont
Past President: Paul Bullock
VP Membership & Chapter Development: Rosanne Labossiere-Gee
VP Music & Performance: Les Creek
VP Marketing & Public Relations: Becki Ammeter
Secretary: Shirley Christie
Treasurer: Paul Bullock
Chorus Manager: Len Paluck
Board Members at Large: Herold Driedger, Ferryl Casselman

2022 Music Committee

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,
Performance & Staging: Gayle Wharton
Music Research: Duncan Zaluski
Sheet Music Librarian: Len Paluck
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 Better Program: Len Paluck, Wendy Lamont, Ferryl Casselman
Grey Cup Pool Chair: Rob Smith
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 Christmas Show Co-chairs: Paul Bullock & Shirley Christie
LOL District Chapter Advocate: Gordon Billows
Historian Assistant: Vacant