

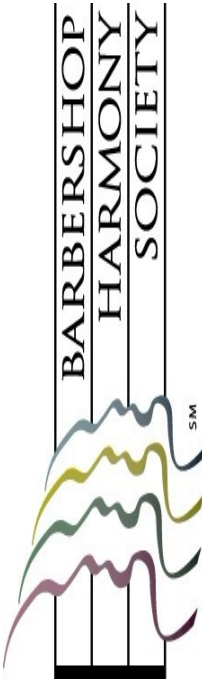
Notes 4 U

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

JANUARY 25, 2023

Rehearsals - Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. St. Andrew's River Heights United Church 255 Oak St.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Seine River Retirement February 3 2:00 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 Jan 21, 2023

Well, I'm not going to see most of you for the next couple of weeks. Marg and I are off to a resort in Cuba for some fun in the sun, snorkeling, bike riding, reading, relaxing and even rehearsing some barbershop music. I have copied some of our learning tracks to my cell phone and will take along some of the music. I'm looking forward to learning Pretty Woman, a nice arrangement by Steve Delehanty, who, as I mentioned, coached Harlequin at Harmony College in St. Joseph Missouri in 1999. A great guy and a great arranger. I also want to reinforce my memory on at least a couple of other songs, Rhythm of Love and 500 Miles and O Canada with the bi-lingual words.

In a week Herold will be joining us at the same resort and maybe we can do tenor, bass duets.

I'm really encouraged by the new folks who are coming to our rehearsals to check us out. Some found us on our website or on Facebook. Thanks to our members who keep those current. Others had a prior connection with the chorus and have come back when they retired or their life circumstances changed. I hope they like what they find; the sound and the camaraderie and that they choose to blend their voices with the rest of us.

Now as for my dog whom I often comment about. Don't worry about Tia, he will be playing with his pal Kai in the snow while we play on the sand.

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>

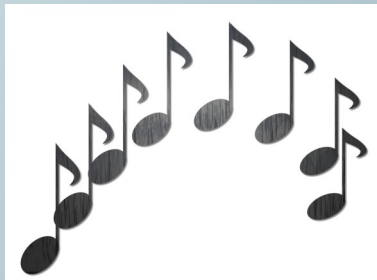
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IT'S NOT TOO LATE! SEE PAGE 6**

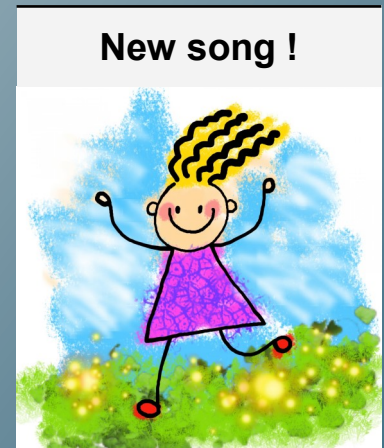
**RCS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8
BUDGET PRESENTATION AND MORE**

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

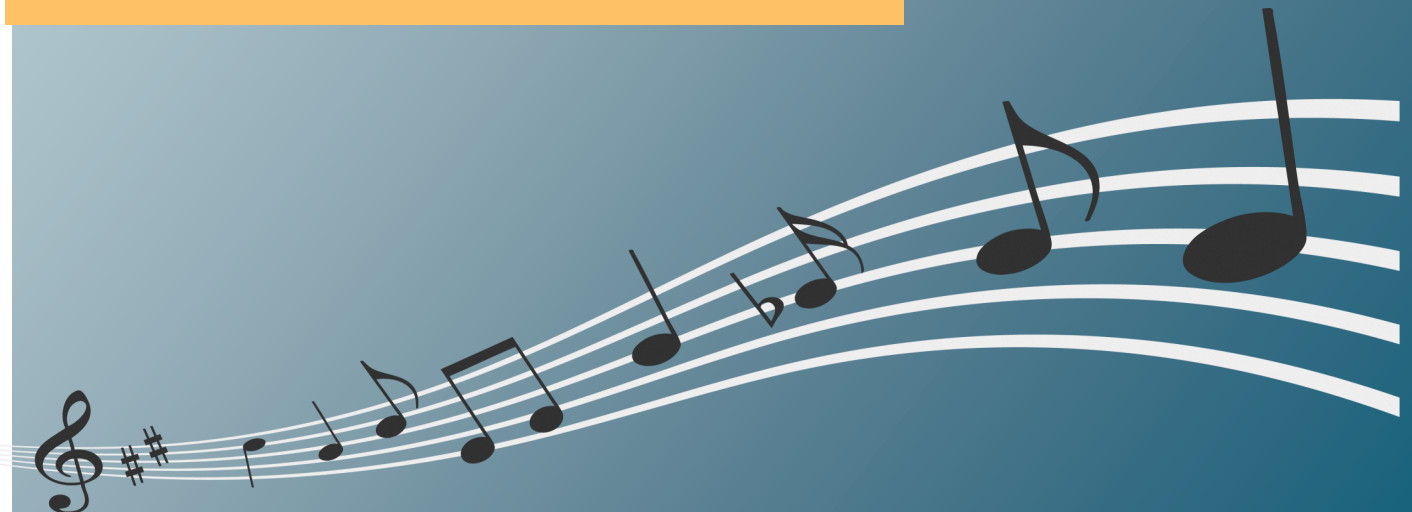
(Mention our Covid mandates to guests – vax!)



**FAVOURITE SONG?
WHAT'S YOURS?**



**PROJECT TAG75
GET CREATIVE! STRUT YOUR STUFF!
HAVE SOME FUN!**



MESSAGE FROM LES CREEK

And the year marches on.....

It seems strange to be nearing the end of January. The weather has been exceptional, and we even get to see the sun occasionally!.

The directors and Mae and I had the opportunity to meet last Wednesday to discuss spring show music and look at some options. I can assure everyone that most of the music that the chorus sings will be familiar tunes that we have been singing for a while. There will be one brand new song (Pretty Woman) which we are working on now, and there will be a few songs that the chorus sang in past years.

I know that for many of you, most or all of these songs will be NEW! NEW! NEW!. I do want to state categorically that learning new music can take significant time and effort, but we do NOT want anyone to feel overwhelmed or that they must learn 10 new pieces in 2 months. That is not realistic and it is not enjoyable. We all come to rehearsal on Wednesdays because we have a good time; the last thing we want for any member, new or 'experienced', is for them stop having fun as part of the chorus. We want everyone to feel comfortable when we are rehearsing and performing, and to do that it is perfectly fine to step down from the risers if you are not sure that you have learned some of the pieces being sung. Kudos to Chris for doing exactly that at our Christmas show.

As most of you are aware, we have introduced a graduated learning program for the LTSB folks that continue to sing with us. In that program, we work on 2 or 3 pieces at a time for a number of weeks, and that is one of the main reasons that we have sectionals every week with some of our standard repertoire songs. And it has paid off for some of our 'experienced' members also, as they have found that sometimes what we (and I am one of them....) are singing isn't really what was intended..... So for those of you have only been with us for a couple of years, and who are struggling with learning all the repertoire, I urge you to take a similar approach; work only on 2 or 3 pieces at a time, and when you are comfortable with those (in a couple of weeks or a couple of months), then move on to a couple more pieces.

We all know that sometimes life gets in the way of having fun. If life throws a curve ball, then it is perfectly natural to deal with the issues for as long as it takes. Sometimes one may have to step back from the chorus for a period of time. Should that happen to you, know that you will always be welcomed back with open arms.

In this week's rehearsal, we will start on Pretty Woman in earnest, and we will continue to revive some of the repertoire pieces that we haven't spent much time on lately. Then at the Feb 1 rehearsal, we will spend time on our basic show repertoire, preparing for the performance at Seine River Residences on Feb. 3rd. Please make every effort to attend that performance; at last count there were only 12 singers signed up, and that is a fairly sparse chorus. And we are getting a nice payment for this performance, so we really owe it to our audience to put on a really good show.

Also, I've created 'slowed down' versions of the Pretty Woman learning tracks, and hopefully they will be on our website soon. They will be the ones labelled as 'name' 87%. Please let me know if they are helpful.

Well, I've rambled on a fair bit today, and now it is time to ramble on to my lunch.....





REHEARSAL SCHEDULE JANUARY 25 2023

From Les Creek



6:55 to 7:05	Physical warmup
7:05 to 7:20	Vocal warmup
7:20 to 7:45	Sectionals (to assist LTSB members)
	Pretty Woman
	Yesterday
	Daydream
7:45 to 8:30	Repertoire Review
	I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)
	Rhythm of Love
	Bridge Over Troubled Water
	Can You Feel the Love
	Unchained
	Yesterday
	Daydream
	Stand By Me
	Beach Boys / Dream Lover
	Imagine
8:30 to 8:50	Break and Business Meeting
8:50 to 9:55	Repertoire Review (continued)
9:55	Wrap up and Final Song
	Keep the Whole World Singing



Planned Upcoming Rehearsals and Events (SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!)

	New Music	Sectionals	Repertoire Review
Feb 1	Pretty Woman	Pretty Woman	I'm Feeling Fine
		Daydream	Best of Doo Wop
		Yesterday	Stand By Me
			Can't Help Falling in Love
			Rhythm of Love
			Unchained Melody
			Dream Lover
			Can You Feel the Love
			Let There be Peace
			Pretty Woman

Feb 3 2:00 Performance at Seine River Seniors

PROJECT TAG75

In celebration of our 75th anniversary of harmonizing together, the Music Committee offers a unique creative opportunity, open to Chorus members and Alumni:

All are invited, individually or with others, to WRITE the lyrics for A TAG honouring the occasion.

1. Go to barbershoptags.com (or another tag website - there are many! Just Google!).
2. Search, listen, watch. Find a tag that 'works' for you and your singing partners for this purpose {read on!}; download the sheet music.
3. Develop lyrics that celebrate RCS's 75th anniversary.
4. Write your RCS lyrics under/adjacent to the notation

You can stop there and **submit** - details tbd

OR

5. Find four people to perform it, including yourself or not; record a video of it on your phone;

submit along with the notation and lyrics.

Your reward: seeing/hearing it come to life!



Have fun!

LAND O' LAKES—LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY

From Gordon Billows—LOL Chapter Liaison



Our Land O' Lakes District ran a very successful Leadership Training Academy last week and has posted the recorded sessions on their website.

Several Winnipeg members might be interested in learning more about the Chapter Secretary and Treasurer roles and Grant Writing.

All members will surely benefit from viewing rah Wigley's "Barbershop Belt" session.

<https://loldistrict.org/leadership-academy>



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Perhaps while you are on that website, you might want to take the opportunity to do some exploring of the topics at the bottom of that page. Lot's of good stuff!



Winnipeg Chapter—River City Sound

formerly Winnipeg Golden Chordsmen)



Celebrating 75 Years of Harmony

Personal Donations by mail: Complete this form and write your cheque payable to **River City Sound** (in the Memo area write **75th Anniversary**). Mail to the Winnipeg Chapter Treasurer:

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Yes, I wish to support **Winnipeg Chapter’s 75th Anniversary** celebration. Please accept my donation of \$ _____ and (choose email or mail) _____ the tax receipt to:

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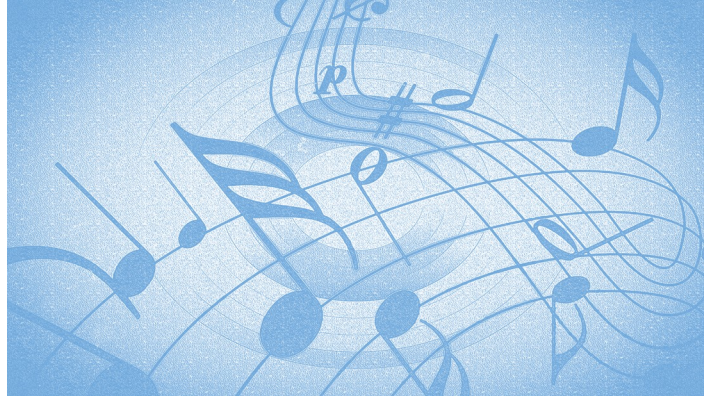
1. Go to **rivercitysound.ca** website, click on **DONATE NOW**, indicate the **Donation Amount**
2. In the “**Write a private message to us**” box, type **75th Anniversary** and the **donor name(s)**
3. If an “**In Memoriam**” donation, indicate **in this box** (ex:**75th, John Doe in memory of Jane Doe**)
4. Click on **Donate** and provide your **contact information**
5. Click on **Continue** and give your credit card information
6. Click on **Complete Your Donation**
7. A tax receipt is sent to your email address

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CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF HARMONY

Reclaiming My Computer Room—Good Luck, Eh!

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES


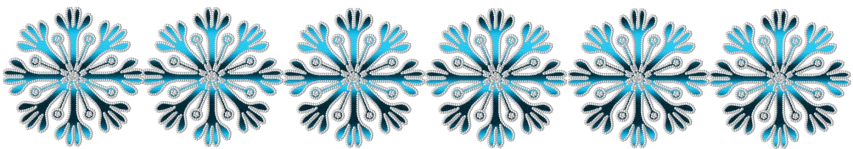


From Gordon Billows





**Never seen
anyone jogging
and smiling, so
that's all I need
to know about
that.**



~ January 2023 ~

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

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Learning Track Librarian: Duncan Zaluski

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50/50: Norm Silverberg
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Grey Cup Pool Chair: Rob Smith
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Spring Show Vice-Chair: **Need Volunteer**
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