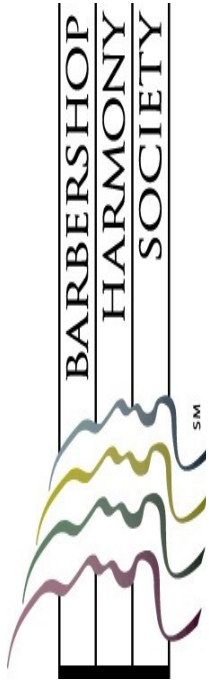


# Notes 4 U

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

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

APRIL 19 EXEC. CMTE. 5:30

APRIL 12 1 QUARTET AUDITION

APRIL 19 MUSIC CMTE

APRIL 24 (we sing!), 25, 28, 29  
Music Lovers' Festival  
Westwood Community Church

And, see Pages 4 & 5

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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.



# PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

By Rob Smith

President's Musings April 15, 2023

As anyone who attended today's coaching session knows, we had a great and productive time working on show songs. Sherrie & Larry had told us Mark would be very helpful and they were certainly right. There were 29 chapter members in attendance including the 2 directors. Mark started out with our first song "Be Our Guest" and we weren't too many bars into it until he found notes that needed fixing. We all worked on that until he had us on track and then he made suggestions about vowel matching and volume choices etc. By the time he had finished that number, it was vastly better. Now the issue for us is to retain those fixes. One of Mark's classic moves is to put his finger to his forehead and say "press save". Mark worked through other show numbers making fixes here and there. He told many anecdotes about his singing and teaching experiences. We had a great lunch with sandwiches, wraps and salads that Les brought in. During the afternoon session some chorus members had to leave for other commitments, but it was still very worthwhile. Thanks to Land of lakes District for sponsoring Mark and thanks to him for sharing his many skills with us.



Rob

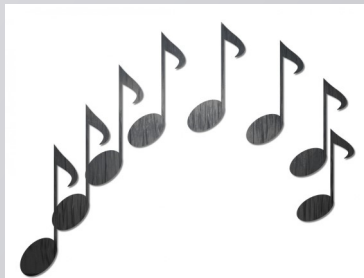


**Free singing apps to make you a better vocalist**  
shared by Larry Hunter

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!)



**ACTION**

**NEEDED!**

**See messages from  
Gordon Billows  
and  
Gayle Wharton/Donna Boyle  
on page 8**

**HEY! WHAT'S YOUR  
FAVOURITE SONG?  
TELL US YOUR STORY!**

## SHOW TICKETS

“Please remember to email Brian Metcalfe  
at  
[bkmetcalfe@shaw.ca](mailto:bkmetcalfe@shaw.ca)  
(before noon on Wednesday) indicating the  
number of **AFTERNOON** and/or **EVENING**  
show tickets you would like.”

**PROJECT TAG75—  
JUST DON'T FORGET!**



# MESSAGE FROM LES CREEK

It's 16:30 on Saturday afternoon, and I'm beat! It was such a good coaching session that I'm exhausted. Mark McLaurin had so many great ways of teaching us things and getting us to just plain sing better together. There will probably be some changes here and there to some of the songs that we've been working on in rehearsals, but the changes will most definitely pay off. I don't know what else to say except that I wish all of our members could have made it. We did have about 26 in the morning and 23 in the afternoon, so it was a good turn out, and I'm sure that everyone learned a lot. A great coach and mentor and I hope that we can have him back soon.

As you can see from the the rehearsal schedule, we will have one more quartet audition on Wednesday, that being Leather 'N Lace. Harlequin, Honeycomb, and Treble in Paradise all successfully passed their auditions last week, and I'm confident that Leather 'N Lace will do the same this week.

Aside from the rehearsal, we have a busy week or two ahead of us.

1. On Tuesday the 18th, at 2pm, we need help getting our new risers from Churchill Park United Church and loading them into our trailer. We hope to be able to set up a couple of sections to ensure that we know how everything fits together before we load it up. The plan is to leave the risers in the trailer until we set them up at Prairie Spirit the night before our show.

2. On Sunday the 23rd, we MAY have an extra rehearsal from 6:30 to 8:30 at St Andrews River Heights. The directors will make that decision on or before this Wednesday.

3. On Monday the 24th, we have a performance as part of the Joy of Music Festival at Westwood Community Church. Times and wardrobe need to be finalized. We are scheduled to sing at around 7:45 in the evening, but that may be flexible, so plan to be there really early.

4. Sunday April 30 we have booked the our rehearsal hall for an extra practice, running from 1 to 4pm. Again, the need for the practice will be determined by the directors in the next week or so.

Please note that the rehearsals on May 3rd and May 10th will be show run-through and dress rehearsal - our last chances to polish the pieces that we are singing, so we need to be off the page on everything now and we need to nail the choreo in the next couple of weeks.

It's a busy month ahead, so take care of yourselves and get plenty of rest.

Oh, and for our new members: you may have been wondering what an 'Afterglow' is. It occurs after our last performance on show day, and it's an opportunity to have a meal together, sing a little. Typically, our guest quartet and our chorus quartet's will sing some of the pieces that they performed, and sometimes the chorus will sing a few songs to our 'cheerleaders' (those who support us in this great hobby). Every current and prospective member of the chorus are welcome to join us for this event, whether you sang in the show or not. It's going to be a great time, so please come if you can. Guests are welcome also, but all tickets need to be purchased in advance as we have to tell the caterers how many people are expected.

See you Wednesday.





# REHEARSAL SCHEDULE April 22, 2023

## From Les Creek



6:55 to 7:05	Physical warmup
7:05 to 7:20	Vocal warmup
7:20 to 7:30	Quartet Audition– Leather ‘n Lace
7:30 to 8:00	Sectionals – spring show music
	Lost in the Stars
	I’m Feeling Fine
8:00 to 8:30	Show Repertoire Review and choreo
	Be Our Guest
	Lost in the Stars
	It’s a Grand Night for Singing
	Stand By Me
	Pretty Woman
	Do You Hear the People Sing
	Unchained
	Can You Feel the Love
	Can’t Help Falling
	Daydream
	I’m Feeling Fine
8:30 to 8:50	Break and Business Meeting
8:50 to 9:55	Repertoire Review (continued)
9:55	Wrap up and Final Song



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

New Music	Sectionals	Repertoire Review	Off page
Apr 19	as needed	Pretty Woman People Sing Grand Night Be Our Guest Lost in the Stars Other show music Choreography	now now now now now

Apr 18 Riser pick up from Churchill Park United – assistance needed

Apr 23 Possible extra rehearsal at River Heights St. Andrews 6:30 to 8:30

Apr 24 Joy of Music Festival - Westwood Community Church

Apr 26 rehearsal schedule same as Apr 19



## MESSAGE FROM GORDON BILLOWS

### Show Program – 75th Anniversary Fundraiser

The show program is 95% completed! I am waiting for 2 more ads to come in and have just been informed that a few members are still going to make personal donations. If you are considering it also, please donate via the website and indicate what name(s) you want listed in the program (ex. Gordon Billows or Gordon & Paula Billows)

Call or email me if you need any more information.



**SORRY, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO MORE ROOM IN THE SHOW PROGRAM FOR MORE ADS (EXCEPT THE LACOSTE AND MLA JEFF WHARTON ADS STILL COMING TO ME.**

**HOWEVER, FOR \$50.00 (OR MORE, IF THEY ARE GENEROUS) THE BUSINESS CAN HAVE THEIR NAME LISTED IN THE SHOW PROGRAM WITH THE OTHER SPONSORS. HAVE THE BUSINESS CONTACT ME AT [BILLOWS@SHAW.CA](mailto:billows@shaw.ca) OR 204-488-2009.**

## MESSAGE FROM GAYLE WHARTON AND DONNA BOYLE

**Chorus. We need your help! !!!**

**We require some volunteers to make this great show opener a huge success. Our four actors Larry B, Donna P, Charlie and Len are the main attraction out front and when they come to Chorus 2 (the stomp) they need help from some chorus members to perform the “silver (foil) plate routine”. It is easy and very effective but ONLY if we have chorus members joining in.**

**Please watch the video before volunteering. Here’s the link again:**

**<https://youtu.be/nyE0fAEIcKQ>**

**Try the routine at home a couple of times with a foil pie plate or whatever you can find then if you are comfortable with it please say**

**YES TO OUR REQUEST.**

**and let myself or Donna Boyle**

**know ASAP that you are willing to have some fun with this.**

**Thank you so much,**

**Gayle and Donna.**

# **APRIL 15, 2023 RIVER CITY SOUND CHORUS—COACH MARK MCLAURIN**

## **Gordon Billows—Wpg Chapter Historian**

“And a very good day was had by all!” Yes, 29 members of the River City Sound chorus participated in the coaching session with Mark McLaurin this past Saturday. Mark is a very qualified chorus and quartet coach and has about 42 years of Barbershopping experience. He has directed several men and ladies choruses in the Fargo and Grand Forks area and has sung in a number of very accomplished quartets, one that even competed on the International stage. He is definitely no stranger to many Winnipeg members. He has coached our chorus and quartets before and his quartets (like Fallcreek) have performed on several of our annual shows.

Winnipeg Chapter is pleased that the Land O’ Lakes District has the “Take the Coaching to the Chapters” program. Chapters can get two coaching sessions a year and this program picks up the tab for the coaches travel and accommodations expenses. The other incidental expenses, like the hall rental and our lunch was covered by the District’s “Chapter Development” grant that our chapter just received—\$1000 US!

Through the day, Mark focused on our show songs and make many excellent suggestions. All the participants will agree that this day of coaching was very beneficial and educational. Our directors were making notes throughout the day and will be utilizing many of the suggestions that Mark presented. Having Mark come up to Winnipeg was also a very good opportunity for a few of our quartets to get some excellent coaching, as well—thank you Mark!

This coaching session was an exceptional learning experience for the chorus members, especially the newer members that have never been involved in this type of coaching before. This coaching session with Mark McLaurin was a good example of the expertise and support that is available to us through our Land O’ Lakes District and the Barbershop Harmony Society.

**Thank you Sherrie, Larry, Les and Chapter Executive for arranging this coaching session!**

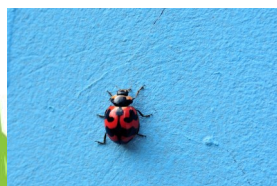




# TO BRIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS DURING THESE TRYING TIMES



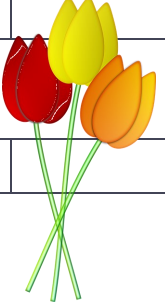
## TEST YOUR WITS

1. Name 10 songs about spring.
2. Name the colours of the rainbow, top to bottom.
3. Name the holiday/special Mondays in Manitoba, and when they occur, starting with Mothers' Day.
- 4 Give the numbers of 5 highways in Manitoba, and three towns they reach/pass or pass through.
5. Name 5 styles of automobile (not counting 'sedan').
6. Identify the time zones in Canada, and an urban centre within each one.
7. Name 8 kinds of birds, and tell the main colours of the female of each species.
8. Name 6 kinds of fish that live in Manitoba (not in bowls!)
9. Name 6 tourist-worthy places in Winnipeg.
10. Name as many musical instruments as you can that have, or are based on, a keyboard.

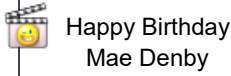






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(Possible) Rehearsal						Rehearsal 6:55 Happy Birthday Brian Metcalfe				Happy Birthday Lynn Langdon	

~ May 2023 ~

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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Happy Birthday Duncan				(Possible) rehearsal		Rehearsal 6:55							
28		29		30		31		<b>Committee dates subject to change.</b>					
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# River City Sound

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## 2023 Chapter Executive

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**VP Music & Performance:** Les Creek

**Chorus Directors:** Sherrie Bredesen, Larry Hunter

**Tenor Section:** Becki Ammeter

**Lead Section:** Chris Magas **Assistant:** Charlie Siegal

**Baritone Section:** Len Paluck

**Bass Section:** Larry Bredesen

**Performance & Staging:** Gayle Wharton

**Music Research:** Duncan Zaluski

**Sheet Music Librarian:** Len Paluck

**Learning Track Librarian:** Duncan Zaluski

## 2023 Leadership Positions

**Accountant:** Gary Miles

**In-person Meeting Attendance:** Norm Silverberg

**50/50:** Norm Silverberg

**Awards Banquet Chairs:** Gary & Ricki Miles

**Grey Cup Pool Chair:** Rob Smith

**Historian:** Gordon Billows

**Notes 4 U Team:** Mae Denby, Becki Ammeter

**Refreshments:** **Need Volunteer**

**Sing Canada Harmony:** Gordon Billows

**Sunshine:** Charlie Siegal

**Wardrobe:** Charlie Siegal

**Women's Wardrobe Committee:** Becki, Gayle, Sherrie,

**Website:** (update and maintain) Chris Magas

**Spring Show Producer:** Mae Denby

**Spring Show Co-Chairs:** Charlie Siegal, Donna Boyle

**LOL District Chapter Advocate & Liaison:** Gordon

Billows

**Historian Assistant:** **Need Volunteer**