

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**  
**May 17 Music Committee —5:30**

**BARE BONES ISSUE**


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Deadline for contributions to Notes 4 U is noon Saturday.

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# PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

By Rob Smith

President's Musings May 13, 2023

Wow, I started Musings on Friday and predicted it would be a great show and afterglow. I certainly wasn't wrong. There were many favourable comments from our audience including many former chorus members. It is great to see them out supporting us and to have an opportunity to invite them back. The fabulous show was a tribute to our 2 directors, Sherrie & Larry, our show producer, Mae, our show co-chairs, Charlie and Donna and all our members who worked so diligently to be as prepared as possible.

And what about our guest quartet! It was Gord who encouraged the executive to have a guest quartet this time around and initiated contact with St. Croix Crossing. We also thank the district who provided some funds and Gord who did a lot of 75th anniversary and show program fundraising himself. Presentations were made to our selected charity Newcomer's Employment and Education Development Services (N.E.E.D.S.) Inc. Their representatives, Magaly Guzman de Diaz and Aric Goodbranson explained that the \$2000 will be used toward school supplies and hot lunches for the newly arrived youth refugees enrolled in their orientation program within 3 days of their arrival. They currently have 80 youth in this program.

After the shows, Chris hosted a great afterglow which had been booked and arranged by Ricki & Gary. It was a great send off show for our long-time director Sherrie and beautiful red roses were presented to honour the occasion.

But now, that is just fond memories. There will be some debriefing, but time to look ahead, as we start the count down till the Christmas show and all the matters that need to be addressed before then.

On Wednesday we welcomed 2 visitors, Dick Dueck from Sydney B.C. and his brother Jerry, WHO sings with the Victoria Chapter but was a member of ours a few years ago.

I expect that the high level of chorus performances will attract other visitors and hopefully members. I know there are some who held off attending because of our Covid mandate but that is no longer a restriction so I expect we will see some of them. In response to the recent excellent Free Press article and photo arranged by Gayle & Becki, there has already been an inquiry about Learn to Sing Better. We won't have that until early 2024 but he was invited to just come out to rehearsal and we'll support and encourage him.

Recently, Jim Agapito of CBC contacted us through our Facebook page and plans to attend next Wednesday. We have also had inquiries about out- of-town performances for the chorus. I expect there are lots of great things ahead.

Way to go all!

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:

## MESSAGE FROM LES CREEK

Well it's Friday morning, and I'm trying to remember everything that I need to take to Prairie Spirit tomorrow - pants, shirts, shoes, show day schedules, sound board cue sheets, microphone stands, extra batteries, etc. etc. etc. This makes me realize that all of our work over the past 4 months is coming to fruition Saturday. The show run through on Wednesday was really good; we've got this! The quartets have their pieces nailed, and the chorus sounded so good. Now we just have to enjoy ourselves and take pleasure in entertaining our audiences.

Saturday is the high point of our spring season, but we can't just stop now. Our sound is gelling and becoming more confident. You heard our visitor on Wednesday tell us how good we sound with our mixed voices. This is from a very experienced singer and director, so we should all be proud of what we've accomplished.

I want to recognize Becki and Gayle for all of the marketing work they have done for this show, and for the chorus as a whole. Gayle and Chris both were excellent ambassadors for the chorus in their media interviews. In fact, at 8:26 on the day that the Free Press article ran, I received an email from a gentlemen who wanted to know when the next Learn To Sing Better program was going to run. To me, this is evidence that we are reaching wider audiences, and that we are becoming more well known within the community. Having worked with marketing departments over many years, I know without doubt that all the marketing in the world will not make a poor product successful. We have a great product, and it is all due to the effort and work each of you has invested in this group.

I was asked last Wednesday what we are working on next, and I'm happy to tell you that we will be refreshing our memories and / or learning some of our other repertoire songs that we haven't touched for a while, like Rhythm of Love, Bridge Over Troubled Water, I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles), and so on. As well we'll be starting on Ed Sheeran's Perfect, which I hope will be on the website early next week. I'm scheduling a little bit shorter rehearsal this week, to give us all a bit of a break.

So thank you all for all the thought and work that you've done to make this chorus what it is today, and what it will become tomorrow.





# REHEARAL SCHEDULE May 17, 2023



## From Les Creek

- 6:55 to 7:05 Physical warmup
- 7:05 to 7:20 Vocal warmup
- 7:20 to 7:30 New music introduction – Perfect (Ed Sheeran)
- 7:30 to 8:15 Sectionals – review other repertoire music
  - Rhythm of Love
  - Bridge Over Troubled Water
  - I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)
  - Imagine??
  - Perfect (familiarization)
- 8:15 to 8:45 Repertoire Review
  - Rhythm of Love
  - Bridge Over Troubled Water
  - I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)
  - Yesterday
  - Imagine??
- 8:45 to 9:10 Break and Business Meeting
- 9:10 to 9:30 Repertoire Review (continued)
- 9:30 Wrap up and Final Song



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

	<u>New Music</u>	<u>Sectionals</u>	<u>Repertoire Review</u>	<u>Off page</u>
May 24	Perfect	Rhythm of Love Perfect Bridge I'm Gonna Be	Rhythm of Love Perfect Bridge I'm Gonna Be Yesterday Imagine	
May 31		Best of Doo Wop	same as May 24 Best of Doo Wop	

# MESSAGE FROM GORDON BILLOWS

## THANK YOU

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to Celebrate 75 Years of Harmony in my own way and inspiring me to do something special for the Winnipeg Chapter's 75th.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to get St Croix Crossing to Winnipeg, in spite of the concern that "we cannot afford to have them on our show". I do not give up easily, eh! Thank you for challenging me to do a 75th Anniversary Fundraiser, so that bringing SCX to Winnipeg would not cost the Chapter a cent. I BELIEVED THAT I COULD DO IT AND I DID IT! Thank you for the opportunity of learn many great skills while preparing the show program (a historical document in itself). Our previous 70+ show programs guided me in the process. Thank you for the experience of getting and preparing the sponsor ads for our program. Many of the companies/associations were our sponsors throughout our 75 year history. These are "hard" times for many companies, but about 21 were convinced to support our 75th Anniversary show. Thank many of you for making personal donations to the 75th Anniversary Fundraiser. Thank several of our member's businesses for placing their ads in our show program. We appreciate their support.

Thank you for the opportunity to raise approximately \$9400 for the Chapter. I learned a lot from this challenge and, crazy me, I am even thinking about raising more during 2023. Thank you for the "kudo's" regarding my two Power Point presentations for the pre-show and intermission. The presentations say so much about who we are and where we came from—our history!

Thank you for the opportunity to prepare the Chapter History display for our show attendees and members. We are part of a large Barbershopping family and we should know about this family. Thank you to all the very dedicated show committee members who "worked" so hard to make our 75th Anniversary show such a big success. What a fantastic TEAM EFFORT! Thank you to Treble in Paradise's "rookie tenor" for her eagerness to get the final show program printed. Her fantastic cover page and show poster work was excellent!

Thank you for the encouragement of having our Treble in Paradise on the show. We appreciated this opportunity very much.

And THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR "HOBBY"!

# MESSAGE FROM ALISON KOLISNYK

Winnipeg Mennonite Theatre Presents:

## **When we are married**



**BY J. B. Priestley**

0 Université de Saint-Boniface -  
Salle Martial Caron 200 avenue de la Cathedrale  
FREE parking lot located on Rue Despins

THU. JUNE 1 7:35 pm // FRI. JUNE 2 7:35 pm  
SAT. JUNE 3 2:05 pm // SAT. JUNE 3 7:35 pm  
SUN. JUNE 4 2:05 pm // ADMISSION: \$20

TICKETS ONLINE AT: [winnipegmennonitetheatre.ca](http://winnipegmennonitetheatre.ca) EVENTBRITE or call Jeff  
or Cindy Madden at 204-612-4141

~ May 2023 ~

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
		1		2		3		4		5		6	
								Show Cmte 5:30 Rehearsal 7:00					
7		8		9		10		11		12		13	
										Happy Birthday Mae Denby		<b>Showtime!</b>	
14		15		16		17		18		19		20	
													
21	Happy Birthday Duncan Zalusky	22		23		24		25		26		27	
				(Possible) rehearsal		Rehearsal 6:55							
28		29		30		31							
				(		Rehearsal 6:55							

~ June 2023 ~

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		
								1		2		Happy Birthday Donna Strong	3	Happy Birthday Rhonda Grist
4	Happy Birthday Carol Seburn Heather Lumsden	5		6		7		8		9		10		
1		12		13		14		Happy Birthday Andrea Leader Rehearsal 6:55	15		16		17	
1		19		20		21		22		23		24		
2		26		27		28		Happy Birthday Drummond Rehearsal 6:55	29		30			
									<b>Committee dates t.b.a.</b>					

# River City Sound



## Notes 4 U

This is the official weekly bulletin of the River City Sound Chorus. For more information about us, go to our website:

[www.rivercitysound.ca](http://www.rivercitysound.ca)

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## 2023 Chapter Executive

**President:** Rob Smith

**Executive VP:**

**Past President:**

**VP Membership & Chapter Development:** Rosanne Labossiere-Gee

**VP Music & Performance:** Les Creek

**VP Marketing & Public Relations:** Becki Ammeter

**Secretary:** Shirley Christie

**Treasurer:** Bruce Wilton

**Chorus Manager:** Len Paluck

**Board Members at Large:** Herold Driedger, Susan Altomare

## 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:** 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 Siegel

**Wardrobe:** Charlie Siegel

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

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

**Spring Show Producer:** Mae Denby

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

**LOL District Liaison:** Gordon Billows

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