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The latest news and updates from River City Sound



From left to right: Rosanne, Caroline, Sharon, Jewel and Rob

Important Dates

Next Rehearsal Date

Wednesday, November 29th

Executive Committee

Wednesday, November 29th

Seniors Concert: 2300 Ness Ave

Wednesday, December 6th

Seniors Concert: 165 Aberdeen Ave

Wednesday, December 13th

(No rehearsal on)

Wednesday, December 20th

(No Rehearsal on)

Wednesday, December 27th

Next Rehearsal Date

Wednesday, January 3rd

President's Musings

ROB SMITH

Last week, I joked about the risk of covid. Last evening, Marg and I attended a play at the Franco Manitoban Cultural Centre. It was written and acted by three young women, one of whom was our granddaughter. They had originally written it in French about three years ago when they were in high school. An adjudicator invited them to translate it into English and to have a public performance. Yesterday, her mother and younger sister tested positive for Covid. What to do? While we and other family members sat in the 2nd row, they hung against the back wall with masks on and hands sanitized. We heard today that personal care home workers are allowed to be at work as long as they have masks and are symptom-free.

What are the current health recommendations? Here is an edited version of what is on the Manitoba website:

Stay home and away from others until your symptoms have improved, you feel well enough to resume normal activities, and you are free of fever for around 24 hours. Avoid close contact with others, especially people at higher risk of severe illness or complications from a respiratory infection. Clean your hands regularly. Cover your coughs and sneezes. Take other prevention measures, such as wearing a mask in indoor settings. Just so you know, I don't have symptoms of Covid, at least not right now. I hope you don't either, but to me, the above sounds less restrictive than what was recommended a year ago.

Now about the Grey Cup Pol. Thanks to all who sold tickets. Some sold around 200 or even more, but we appreciate all of you. There were a total of 1605 sold out of the 1800 (in 2 series). Net income to the chapter after paying the winners and costs for printing the tickets was more than \$1750. I provided Bruce with a list of the winners, and he had all the cheques written for Wednesday. As there were several winners and their family members who won, Bruce gave them their cheques directly. The rest will be mailed out. The list of winners will be posted on our website and our Facebook page as required by Liquor & Lotteries.

And now about the show. The run-through on Wednesday was, in my opinion, wonderful. I have participated in about 70 spring and Christmas shows in my 35 years, and we are better prepared for this one than any I can remember. Now we just have to go out on the risers and **DO IT**.

ROB 🎵

More From Les

LES CREEK

Friday night (tonight), it would be helpful to have some bodies to help us set up the risers and sound system, set up the lobby, and help decorate the space. We plan on being there about 7, so your help would be GREATLY appreciated.

Remember to bring your own lunch tomorrow!! There are a couple of fast food places nearby if you don't want to pack a sandwich, but we must keep to the schedule.

After the show on the 25th, we will have time to greet family and friends and take a few chorus photos, BUT we also have to take down the risers (we will be storing them at the church that day, so we don't need to load the trailer), take down the sound system and decorations, and restore the church. Again, many hands make light work, so please stick around and help us. This will allow us all to get to the Afterglow in a reasonable time and still have some energy to socialize and sing a song or two.

Thank you all so much for all the help you have given us over the past weeks, for all the patience as we work through the show and the new music, and for being so willing to participate fully in this great hobby of ours. Again, you are all GREATLY appreciated.

As to December rehearsals, we have performances booked for the first two Wednesdays (the 6th and the 13th), so there will not be any rehearsal on those evenings. We will not rehearse on the 20th or 27th but return on Jan. 3rd.

Again, I'd like to ask that anyone interested in attending the Leadership Academy in January contact me as soon as possible so that we can apply for grants to offset some of the costs, book rooms, register, etc.

See you tomorrow.

LES 🎵

Welcome to Our Newest Members

ANDREA LEADER

Amongst all the busy preparation for the big show tomorrow, I want to offer a warm welcome and CONGRATULATIONS to our three newest members: Caroline, Sharon and Jewel. They are featured on the front page of this newsletter! We are delighted that you have decided to join River City Sound. I'm sure I speak for everyone, and I look forward to sharing many laughs, songs, and successes with you in our chorus.

ANDREA 🎵

Publicity Links on Radio & TV

SHIRLEY CHRISTIE

Here are the three links to the radio and both TV interviews from this week.

CTV News

<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=2813836>

Global News

<https://globalnews.ca/video/10110719/river-city-sound-christmas-show/>

CBC Radio

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-29/clip/16024618> <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-29/clip/16024618>

SHIRLEY 🎵

Two Upcoming Performances

LEN PALUCK

Seniors Concert: 7 pm, Wednesday, December 6, Metropolitan Kiwanis Courts, 2300 Ness Ave.

Seniors Concert: 5:45 pm, Wednesday, December 13, Holy Family Home, 165 Aberdeen Ave.

Both shows are one-hour Christmas concerts. So that means we get to use our Christmas songs for at least three performances. Members will get complete info at rehearsals.

LEN 🎵



Greetings from Gary & Ricki

GARY MILES

We wish the chorus a great show and a great day from Ricki and me! This picture was taken earlier this week on one of the numerous hiking trails on South Mountain in Pheonix.



GARY 🎵

Sing Canada and James Thexton

GORDON BILLOWS – Historian

Last week, I attended the Sing Canada annual board meeting in Calgary. Our focus (a strategic planning session) mapped out the future of our national charity. We rewrote our mission and vision statements and worked on developing a new scholarship application and process that better aligned with our strategic priorities. This will all be introduced in 2024.



On Saturday, we were visited and entertained by members of Calgary's A Cappella Road chapter <https://sing4fun.ca/>. They also have a female chorus - Pitch Please. Our board learned about the chapter's involvement with the Calgary casinos and the \$\$\$ funds they receive for working a few shifts a week. James Thexton, a former Calgary Chapter and Evergreen District officer, also attended our meeting.

James Thexton was a Winnipeg member (1995 - 1997) and our Chapter treasurer in 1997. After moving to Calgary, James became very involved in serving his Evergreen District Chapter and in about 2013, he became the Sing Canada Harmony treasurer. Within Sing Canada Harmony, he and I were the main board members responsible for donor relations and the Keep a Melody Ringing memorials. Although retired from Sing Canada Harmony, James continues to contribute his sage ideas to our charity. It was a pleasure for our board members to meet with James in Calgary. He sends greetings to all his riser mates in Winnipeg!

November 28 is “Giving Tuesday”! Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund



GORDON BILLOWS – Sing Canada Harmony

“Giving Tuesday,” founded in 2013 by CanadaHelps, is now an international event that inspires millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Donations to a charity are always appreciated and beneficial!

Be a “Giving Tuesday” celebrant on the 28th by donating to the **Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund**. Your generous donations enable Sing Canada Harmony to provide scholarships to individuals and ensembles to support their a cappella harmony education. **River City Sound** (Winnipeg) chapter has received over \$17,000 in scholarships in the past 12 years! Donors receive a tax receipt for any donation of \$20 or more. This is an opportunity for you to show appreciation to a charity that supports your a cappella harmony education. Your donation matters!

Make your donation online (via CanadaHelps) to the Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund on Tuesday, November 28th (or before the end of the Canadian tax year) by clicking on the following link to our

website: <https://singcanadaharmony.ca/donate/>

Contact me (billows@shaw.ca) if you would like any further information about Sing Canada Harmony, donating or applying for a scholarship.

GORDON 🎵

Show Day Schedule

Christmas 2023

Nov 25 2023 Prairie Spirit United Church

Thursday, Friday, Saturday - HYDRATION!!

9:30	stage crew, quartets, MC arrive at church Final Stage Dressing Final microphone setup
9:45 to 10:15	Quartet Vocal Warmup
10:15 to 11:00	Quartet Sound Check
10:45	Chorus Arrive at Church
11:00 to 11:15	MC Sound Check
11:15 to 12:15	Chorus Vocal Warmup and mini show run through
12:15 to 1:00	Lunch - BRING / BUY YOUR OWN
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 3:30	First half performance
3:30 to 3:40	Chorus and quartet photos – immediately after the first half
3:40 to 4:00	Costume change
4:00 to 4:45	Second half performance
4:45 to 5:10	greet friends and family
5:10 to 5:45	tear down risers, audio equipment lighting etc. <u>Everyone needs to help</u>
5:45 to ????	afterglow – Anavets 3584 Portage ave. Dinner 6:30

2023 Chapter Executive



President: Rob Smith
Executive VP: (vacant)
Past President: (vacant)
VP Membership & Chapter Devel: Rosanne Labossiere-Gee
VP Music & Performance: Les Creek
VP Marketing & Public Relations: Becki Ammeter
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2023 Music Committee

VP Music & Performance: Les Creek
Chorus Co-Directors: Larry Hunter, Jewel Casselman
Tenor Section: Becki Ammeter, Andrea Leader
Lead Section: Chris Magas, Charlie Siegel
Baritone Section: Len Paluck
Bass Section: Herold Driedger
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 Draw: Norm Silverberg
Awards Banquet Chairs: Gary Miles, Ricki Miles
Grey Cup Pool Chair: Rob Smith
Historian: Gordon Billows
Historian Assistant: **Need Volunteer**
Notes 4 U Editor: Andrea Leader
Refreshments: Len Paluck **Need Volunteer**
Sing Canada Harmony: Gordon Billows
Sunshine: Charlie Siegel
Wardrobe: Charlie Siegel
Women's Wardrobe Committee: Becki Ammeter, Donna Boyle
Website Maintenance: Chris Magas
LOL District Liaison: Gordon Billows
Christmas Show 2023 Producer: Larry Hunter
Christmas Show 2023 Co-Chairs: Charlie Siegel, Donna Boyle

Spring Show 2024 Producer: **Need Volunteer**