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The October 2, 2009

CHOIR ADMIN ISSUE

of the GHC's Extended Choir Community Newsletter



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Choir Member's Issue and other archived issues go to:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/newsletters.html>



SPECIAL NOTES!!

1. THURSDAY SINGERS PLEASE NOTE

Shivon will be leading the SWAT at Royal Roads University this Thursday Oct. 8 for the 75 Thursday night singers already signed up. For the rest of Thursday night group, Denis will be at Church of Truth as usual on Thursday, leading a regular choir session. For those coming to RRU, see additional SWAT details below.

2. [SU HART WORKSHOP ~ OCT. 10TH!](#)

Details in the "Vocal Support" section under "General Info" below.

3. RETURNING VETERANS PLEASE NOTE

(Note to me: If I get the confirmation email out before this issue goes out change this note accordingly)

If you have not registered either with your payment or by email yet please email (bill@gettinhigherchoir.ca) or leave me a phone message (250-920-4160, 8 to 8) over the

weekend. I will be starting work on the Choir Contact List soon and would like to have it as accurate as possible when it goes out.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

SHIVON

WELCOME NEW SINGERS!

Arriving new into a full-on "happening" like the GHC or HNC can be somewhat daunting. One of the things I love about our choir community is the culture of kindness that you all help create. These past few weeks of our new season, with record numbers of new singers coming in to both GHC and HNC, I have noticed how returning singers have warmly welcomed newcomers into the fold. It is this seasonal influx of new singers that keeps our choirs fresh and exciting. I am loving the sounds we are making, this new blend of voices that has never before sung together.

Please all remember to take good care of your voices, especially if singing is a new thing in your life. A wonderful drink for the voice is ginger tea, made by slicing up a handful of fresh ginger, and boiling it in a few cups of water for 20 minutes. Add honey, and enjoy this wonderful soothing tonic for your throat. Delicious cold as well as hot, you can bring it in a bottle to choir, and sip it if you find your throat feeling at all dry or scratchy.

~ Shivon

ADMIN TEAM NOTES

GLORIA

I'm really hoping more of you will sign up for the Su Hart Workshop - Denis, Shivon and I met with her last year when she was in Canada and we really encouraged her to contact us when she was in this area again - now she's back in Canada for a week or so and here's your chance to do a workshop that promises to be memorable as well as fun and exciting.

See the Vocal Support Section - under General Information - for registration details.

~ Gloria

BILL

Now that the registration period is officially over I will not be coming to choir every night. My schedule will be varied but in general I will be at each session at least once every two weeks. (ie Monday/Thursday one week and Tuesday the next)

If you have fees to hand in and I am not there you can hold on to them for the next week or give them to Gloria or to Shivon (if Gloria isn't there).

If you have information to pass on to me or questions to ask you can contact me at bill@gettinhigherchoir.ca or 250-920-4160 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday to Friday).

I am always happy to answer questions about the choir schedule, the newsletter or anything else pertinent to each of you having the best possible choir experience. I would appreciate it however if you would check to see if the answer is already available in the "Choir Community Info" pages of our web site at:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info>

In that same section of our site you can access both the current and many past newsletters. If you are looking for a particular item you can search for it by:

- 1) Opening issues within a likely time frame, and then
- 2) Entering a name or key word or phrase in the "Find" box on the menu bar and click next.

If you are not successful in getting the answer you need, or in finding the newsletter item you want, then please contact me and I will do my best for you.

New Singers Please Note

To get a clearer idea of what you have committed yourself to please click on the following link

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/misc/conductor.htm>

~ Bill

Gettin' Higher Choir Info

GHC NEWS & BUSINESS

JOIN THE "GET JANET TO CHOIR" TEAM!

Our oldest member, Janet Hawksley (Alto) likes to come both Tuesday and Thursday nights each week. I try to spread the rides around the team so that none of us need to do it more than once or twice a month.

She lives at Amica House at 50 Douglas street (at Niagara). Whoever drives her need to go into the lobby to get her and stay with her until she gets in on the return trip. She is good about being ready and waiting but on the return there is sometimes a bit of a wait for the duty nurse to open the door if Janet doesn't remember the door code.

To avoid confusing her I make the calls to people on my list until I find someone able to give her a ride on a given night and then I let her know who it will be and when. If someone needs to cancel it is best if they call me so I can arrange for a replacement ride.

If you would like to be on the team please contact me by emailing bill@gettinhigherchoir.ca or by calling 250-920-4160 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Submitted by Bill Hanson

A PARKING REMINDER FOR TUESDAY & THURSDAY SINGERS

We want the Church of Truths neighbours to enjoy GHC so PLEASE do not park in front of their houses in the residential parking areas. There is legal parking available on Superior, Kingston, St. Lawrence (beside the park) and Erie streets.

There is also plenty of parking for \$1 for two hours in the lot on St. Lawrence by Fisherman's Wharf. Be aware, however, that some choir members who have parked for longer than two hours on one ticket have received fines so consider buying two tickets to protect yourself.

Of course, car pooling is always great! (SATB in every car). Make good use of this newsletters GHC Car Pooling Available & Wanted section.

GHC SWAT SCHEDULE

Sing When Asked To

THURSDAY OCT. 8 SWAT AT ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY

For those 75 people who have already signed up. (sorry, we are limited to that number of singers)

We are singing in the Quarterdeck at the Grant Building, at 7pm. Please be there by 6:30 to warm up and run through our songs.

PARKING:

Email shivon@gettinhigherchoir.ca and I will email you back a parking pass to print out and leave on your dashboard.

DRESS:

Please wear combinations of bright jewel colours and black.

If you are wanting to find a ride, or find more singers to ride in your car, please email Bill by Monday night, Oct. 5. In your item please include:

Whether you are wanting or offering a ride
Your location
Your name
Contact info

Your requests and offers will appear in a special email that will go out on Oct. 6th

GHC SWAT CAR POOLING WANTED & OFFERED

To arrange car pools you can announce your request/offer at break time at choir (GHC or HNC). You can also email me at bill@gettinhigherchoir.ca with your name, contact information, where you start from, whether you need a ride or are offering one and which choir you are in. I will put a listing under the appropriate Car Pool heading for you in the next newsletter. Dont be shy about repeating your request in subsequent weeks at choir or in the newsletter if you dont connect the first time.

FOLLOW-UP TO SEPT. 26TH SWAT AT ROYAL ROADS

'Haba na Hababa hujaza kibaba'...little by little the basket is filled...

The Fun/d-Raiser for the Indigenous House of Culture and Spirituality at Mpambo Multiversity in Uganda last Saturday evening at RRU was a fitting tribute to Paulo Wangoola's dream of mother-tongue scholarship in a community-based centre for higher learning dedicated to the advancement of indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing.

Opening with a traditional welcome and prayer from Greg Sam, RRU Aboriginal Relations Coordinator, and followed by 55 members of the Gettin' Higher Choir (GHC) coming out in full and glorious force to sing songs of hope and peace, and songs from Africa including the anthem, *N'Kosi Sikeleli* – this was an outstanding beginning to a hugely successful night. And that the choir literally *became* the event with its numbers exceeding those of the 32 member crowd (total attendance 87) is what is so remarkable. What good fortune for all of us, particularly our dear friend and colleague, Paulo Wangoola in Uganda who we know is deeply thankful that we tenderly hold his vision for a better world close within our hearts and collectively in our community a half a world away. And when there is so much bad news these days, all this goodness and hope comes directly from our own community - all of us helping each other - little by little, step by step, songline by songline, twoonie by twoonie, brick by brick! (We raised over \$3,000).

Special thanks to Denis and Shivon, the SWAT folks – all 55 of them!!!! WOW!, Greg Sam, the UVic Community Based Research department (especially Budd Hall and Charlotte Charlie), Wendy Gedney, Alison Brophy, Lyn Thornton from VIDEO, and RRU.

Love

Hilary Leighton, *Director Continuing Studies, RRU & GHC Thursday Alto*

RIDES WANTED AND OFFERED

To/From Oct. 8th Royal Roads SWAT

See the item about this SWAT in the GHC SWAT SCHEDULE section above for carpooling info

To/From Choir Practices

Send your requests and/or offers in for next week's Choir Community Issue and be sure to include:

The practice you want to car pool to/from
Whether you are wanting or offering a ride
Your location
Your name
Your email address and/or phone number

Monday Ride Offered

I live in Cordova Bay - up on the ridge near Claremont High School. I drive to each Monday choir and am happy to take people along if they don't mind waiting after a bit while I sell fish.

I can be contacted at: jb.walsh@shaw.ca

Submitted by Jan Walsh-Hohert, GHC Monday Soprano

Other Info About Our Community Of Choirs

HNC NEWS & BUSINESS

FALL SESSION OF HIGH NOON BEGAN TUES. SEPT. 29,...

...with a record number of new singers, as well as many returning singers. Together, we're making some great harmony, and will continue to welcome new singers as they find out about us. At High Noon, we sing for the pure joy of it.

TUESDAYS, 12 to 1:30 - Season runs through December
Church of Truth - 111 Superior Ave.

We're excited about singing with you all again, and about meeting new singers.
If you know of anyone who might like to try singing with us, please pass this on.

Shivon and Gloria

CCLT UPDATES

Community Choir Leadership Trainings ~ A three week workshop facilitated annually by Denis & Shivon

Today we complete the first phase of CCLT, year 6. Our ten wonderful participants will now head back to their home communities where they will start to lead singing groups, in various settings, with our continued mentorship, and online sharing with each other. We wish them all well in their singing adventures, and look forward to having them join us again for the last week of our GHC season, January 24 - 30.

Many thanks to all you generous hosts from GHC and HNC. Our CCLT students have felt so welcomed into your homes, and so well taken care of. Your contribution to the program, and to the re-enchanting of the world, is greatly appreciated. On their behalf we would like to thank Adaline and Ron O'Gorman, Susannah Day, Suzanne Bate, Lillian Kamper, Bill Huot, Marya Nijland and Phillip Symons, - we couldn't do it without you. You are helping to spread the community choir movement across a much needed world.

~ Denis, Shivon and Gloria.

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO POTENTIAL SINGERS

Many of the graduates of the Shivon and Denis' Community Choir Leadership Training program are involved in their own choirs. We consider these choirs to be GHC "sister choirs" and you can find information about them at:

http://www.ubuntuchoirs.net/locator_coastal_BC.php

If you know someone who might like to sing in a GHC/HNC style environment you can visit these web pages to see if there is a sister choir in their area. If there is please let them know.

CCLT MEMBERS' UPDATES

If you know any potential singers in their areas please pass the following information on.

From: Patti Powell CCLT 3 - 2006/7. Vancouver

The Acapellaboratory Community Choir and Singing Gang

All you have to have is the desire to sing with other people, and a pulse. We like people who breathe, too.

All ages, all abilities of singers welcome. We have people who were told to "mouth the words" or were kicked out of grade school choir, and folks who are confident soloists!

Singing is part of being a human being, our birthright. Let's take it and make some beauty together.

We sing a capella music from many traditions and cultures, sacred and not. And we laugh a lot.

Email: powee2003@yahoo.ca

Office: 604-25505061

From: Tina Filippino CCLT 1 - 2004/5, Comox Valley

From The Heart Of The Rainforest A Singing Workshop With Su Hart

The Letz Sing Community Choir is thrilled to announce that Su Hart from the internationally acclaimed UK music group, Baka Beyond, is coming to the Comox Valley to lead two workshops.

Singing Workshop, all voices welcome

Saturday October 17th

10:00 – 3:00

Lions Den 1729 Comox Ave, Comox

Ticket Price : \$60

Family Workshop

Sunday October 18th

2:00 – 4:00

Lions Den 1729 Comox Ave, Comox

Child: \$10.

Adult \$15

Family Pass \$45

Tickets @ Laughing Oyster Book Shop in Courtenay or call Tina @ 250-337-8328

From: Evemarie Brunelle CCLT5 - 2008/09, Montréal (Repeat)

Hello GHC singers and friends!

Do you know anybody who lives in Montréal and who would perhaps like to sing every week?

I was in CCLT 2008-2009 and I am starting Les chorales Allez Chante on September 23rd and 24th!

All info on website: <http://www.allezchante.ca>

Thanks for passing this on...

Love and music,

Evermarie

General Info

PRIMARY CHOIR COMMUNITY WEB SITE LINKS

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| The Getting' Higher Choir | http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca |
| Community Choir Leadership | http://www.communitychoirleadership.com |
| Ubuntu Choirs | http://www.ubuntuchoirs.net |
| Shivon Robinsong: | http://www.shivon.com |
| Denis Donnelly: | http://www.denisdonnelly.ca |
| | http://www.choralsongs.com |
| | http://www.soundingsmusic.com |
| Accessing our Newsletters | http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/newsletters.html |
| Using Our Newsletter: | http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/newsletterinfo.html |
| Choir Schedule: | http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/index.html |

The above list doesn't appear in all issues of the newsletter

Suggestion: If you haven't previously done so copy it to a Word or other text document for storage on your computer, or to print out, for future reference.

VOCAL SUPPORT

SINGING WORKSHOPS

with **SU HART...of...BAKA BEYOND** (Updated)

Su Hart, Baka Beyond singer and founder, will be giving workshops in Victoria.

Saturday October 10
Church of Truth - 111 Superior St, Victoria

First session: 10 - 1 pm
~ and ~

Second session: 2 - 5 pm
Although these sessions will be connected they are not the same
- in others words participants can choose to do one or both.

Registration fee is \$30 for one session or \$50 for both

Su Hart is an amazing singer, musician, teacher and workshop presenter who will be in Canada in October of 2009. She has been with *Baka Beyond* since its beginning and brought to it the songs and vocal techniques of the Baka Pygmies that she learned on her travels.

When not touring or recording she teaches about the life and music of the Baka.

Baka Beyond website:

<http://www.bakabeyond.net/>

Baka Beyond on YouTube (Su Hart is the blonde singer):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBezNxj2NS8&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuzpcQDLk4>

plus lots more Baka Beyond video performances

Baka Rainforest People Yodellers:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWEpnHZ9XFE&feature=related>

For additional information and to register please check out:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/pdftemp/20090904/su-hart.pdf>

Submitted by Gloria and highly recommended by Shivon and Denis

ADMIN TEAM SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

From time to time Shivon, Denis, Gloria or Bill will use this section to announce activities and events that they are involved in, or support, outside of their normal work for the choirs and the CCLT.

You are all invited to
POSITIVITY!

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/pdftemp/20091002/poh.pdf>

A Power of Hope FUN*RAISER at the
RESILIENT CITIES CONFERENCE! In Vancouver

<http://www.gaininggroundsummit.com>

We believe that resilient YOUTH make resilient cities!

Youth are an untapped resource for community renewal. Our art-based leadership programs help young people unleash their awesome potential and creativity to build a just and sustainable world.

Experience inspiring performances ...

Celebrate transformative programs for youth 🎤

Generate friends to grow The Power of Hope!

POH event Tuesday, Oct 20, 2009

Door 7:30pm, Youth performances 8 -9pm

Vancouver Convention Centre, 999 Canada Place, Ballroom C, Ground Floor

By donation. Please RSVP

Highly recommended by Gloria Hansen,
GHC and HNC tenor and Canadian Chair, Power of Hope

POWER OF HOPE PRESENTS: (Repeat)

Express Yourself! Creative Facilitation 1

October 24 and 25 at Royal Roads University

Working with youth is an intensely creative endeavor demanding a high level of improvisation - and the arts can be one of your greatest allies.

This two-day intensive training is designed for youth workers, artists, teachers, and other adults, and is based on the belief that you don't have to be a professional artist to use the arts in working with young people.

Register early and bring a friend.

Poster: <http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/pdftemp/20090918/expressyourself.pdf>

Highly recommended by Gloria Hansen,
GHC and HNC tenor and Canadian Chair, Power of Hope

NEWSLETTER INFO

A NEWSLETTER SUGGESTION

If you know of a choir member who is not on email please consider taking them on as your email buddy. Passing on at least the important choir information (from Part 1 of the newsletter) each week by a phone call or in a print-out brought to choir would be very helpful to them.

***** **QUOTABLES** *****

The melting voice through mazes running
Untwisting all the chains that tie
The hidden soul of harmony.

John Milton

Found in the footer of an email from:
Anu Patel Soundings Alto & GHC Alto/Tenor

===== **THAT'S NOT ALL FOLKS** =====

Our Choir Member's Issue (Part 2) follows next Friday with lots of interesting submissions from other choir community members plus some "Quotables" and the Just For Fun section! If you have items for it please submit them by midnight next Wednesday to bill@gettinhigherchoir.ca

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**Happy birthday to me
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Happy birthday dear meeee
Happy birthday to me!**

Submitted by Bill