

Shivon is away taking a workshop lead by Gina Sala who will be our guest artist in June. She will be back with us starting on Thursday Feb. 18th.

~ Bill

DENIS

Here we go again! After that beautiful and stirring concert (from which I think I am almost recovered...), we get right back to work to sing in our circle and learn a whole new set of music. We are putting together a repertoire for the June concerts that is quite different from the last session. I am looking very much forward to sharing it with you.

And I have two other notes: first, Soundings has its feelers out for an alto and a baritone. More info is in the Soundings column below.

Also, I am offering my "listening to music" course through Royal Roads U Continuing Studies again, starting March 24. I'll have info at choir evenings.

Hope to see you next week!

~ Denis

ADMIN TEAM NOTES

GLORIA

See you all in our singing circles next week. I'm looking forward to new (and revived) repertoire as we begin this session. "The *beginning*, as the *proverb* says, is half the whole."

~ Gloria

BILL

Here we go again, making the voices flow again, taking a chance on song!

~ Bill

Gettin' Higher Choir Info

GHC REGISTRATION INFORMATION

NEW SINGERS INTAKE (Updated)

Between now and Feb 25th we will be taking in new singers for this season. If you know anyone who would enjoy a Gettin' Higher singing experience bring, or send, them to check us out.

As always there will be a half hour New Singer Orientation starting at 7:00 pm before the actual choir sessions (7:30 - 9:30) on each of the following evenings:

Mondays – (Feb 15 & 22)

Unitarian Church, 5575 West Saanich Road (opposite the Red Barn)

Tuesdays – (Feb 16 & 23) and **Thursdays** – (Feb 18 & 25)
Church of Truth, 111 Superior Street (at St. Lawrence)

New singers can also check us out in advance by visiting <http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca>

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

The registration deadline is the end of choir on Thursday, Feb 25th.

To register, to request answers to your questions or to request any level of scholarship support please speak to me at choir or drop a note in my collection bag. You can also contact me by phone at 250-920-4160 (8 to 8, Mon to Fri) or by emailing billh@crucible.ca

New Singers

Fill out the form provided at choir either with your payment folded securely into it or a note on it saying when you expect to make your payment(s).

Returnees paying their fees at choir prior to the registration deadline

Just put your payment cheque(s) or cash envelope (clearly identified as yours) in my collection bag at choir and you will automatically be registered.

Please don't put your payment in an envelope unless it is cash.

Cheques and notes (changes, queries, etc.) that are paper clipped (or even folded) together are much faster and easier to deal with than sealed envelopes.

Returnees who will be paying after the registration deadline

Be sure to register before the deadline and specify what/how/when you will be making your payment. If you are not going to be at choir in the first two weeks you can register by phone or email as specified below.

If your contact information, location, night or section is changed from the last session you attended please include that information with your registration.

The fees for the season are \$175 regular with a sliding scale down to \$130 for seniors, students and the un-waged.

As always you are welcome to set your own payment plans. While we prefer that you do so with a series of post-dated cheques providing me with a list of cash payment dates is also OK. In either case the last payment is due by **May 15th**.

~ Bill

GHC SWAT SCHEDULE

Sing When Asked To

SEA SICK SWAT

Lecture: Sea Sick: the Hidden Crisis in the Global Ocean

We'll sing Swimming to the Other Side, and a couple of other short songs that we'll teach on the spot.

Featured Speaker: **Alanna Mitchell**, author of the book Sea Sick: the Hidden Crisis in the Global Ocean. For more information about Alanna please see:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/pdftemp/2010/0210/alanna.pdf>

Date: March 3, 2010

Cost: \$10.00, Students \$8.00 (no cost for singing choir members)

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Bob Wright Earth and Science Centre, University of Victoria

This is simply a “heads up” announcement. The organizational details will be announced later.

GHC NEWS & BUSINESS

GOOD NEWS... (for those who missed it in the Feb 3 issue)

...Beside everyone I've talked with loving the concerts...the additional good news is...

I now have all of the final accounting done and the total net we will have raised is \$20,640 for the Power of Hope.

This includes:

Ticket Sales (2 sell-out audiences), The Honouring (Scholarship) Fund \$1015, The Busking 'team' (\$492) ,
Donations from CD sales (25% of the sale of the GHC's, Niel, Bill and Shari's CDs) (\$650) . In addition donations
to the Power of Hope via the donation envelopes in the programs will continue to come in.

Thanks to all of you for getting the word out there.

Gloria

EVERY ROAD CONCERT PHOTO STORY

Dear Friends,

Here, another set of the images tries to show the amazing atmosphere and energy you create during your concerts. As usual, I apologize to the people who do not sing in the centre of the stage which is the only area sufficiently illuminated by the overall unsatisfactory lighting of Alex Golden Hall.

About the panoramic image: I know that this is not a perfectly edited panorama, however I just wanted to show you in a wide angle view the beauty of GHC singing in this venue, as can be observed by audience from the balcony.

Enjoy your pictures!

Link to the presentation:

<http://www.goingdigital.ca/GHC01-2010>

Andrew Kielbowicz, official GHC photographer & former Bass

P.S. For those of you who want to learn the art and technique of photography please also visit <http://www.goingdigital.ca>. My two upcoming digital photography courses start in next two weeks!

SHARE YOUR CONCERT EXPERIENCE! (Reminder)

You can share your ideas and feelings about your concert experience by adding a comment on our web site and we encourage you to invite any of your guests who were there to do the same. Your comments will add heart to the concert history that is evolving on the site.

To post a comment go to our web site, click on the following sequence of links:

Concerts
(in the top menu bar)

Past Concerts

(There will be two "Every Road" listings at the top of the page. One for Friday – with the graphic and details – and one for Sunday with a brief amount of text referring to the details in Friday's listing)

Read or post comments about this concert

(this link appears at the bottom of each of the "Every Road" listings so that you can post your comments to which ever concert they refer to)

You can then read all the comments that have been posted about it and add your own comment in the box provided at the bottom of the page. Check back later to see what new comments have been added.

We look forward to reading about your thoughts and feelings about the experience plus feedback from your guests. heart to the concert history that is evolving on the site.

Other Info About Our Community Of Choirs

HIGH NOON CHOIR NEWS & BUSINESS

We are still inviting all to come and join us...

There are now over 65 singers registered for the High Noon Choir

Session runs until March 23, every Tuesday, 12 :00 to 1:30

Registration Fees are pro-rated for later starts.

Location: Church of Truth - 111 Superior at St. Lawrence, in James Bay

SOUNDINGS NEWS & BUSINESS

Soundings is looking for one **alto** and one **baritone**. Criteria are: good vocal tone, excellent pitch, ability to learn and memorize quickly, good sight-reading skills, ability to rehearse Sunday mornings, and willingness to be part of the Soundings vocal community. More info about Soundings here: www.soundingsmusic.com

Note that this availability will close in one week as after that it will be too late for anyone new to catch up with the music that we are already learning.

If you or anyone you know is interested please contact me at 250 544-4393 or denis@denisdonnelly.ca

Denis

PRIMARY CHOIR COMMUNITY WEB SITE LINKS

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.

General Info

ADMIN TEAM SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

From time to time Shivan, 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.

For those of us who remember Doug, the GHC's only Monday/Tuesday/Thursday Soprano/Alto/Teno/Bass, and those who simply value the work of the teaching shelter named after him....

**A Benefit Concert for
THE DOUG ANDREW TEACHING SHELTER (Feb 21)
in Goldstream Park**

Featuring: singer/songwriter James Gordon:
(Frobisher Bay", "Mining For Gold" and other songs about
social justice, heritage and environmental issues.

Sunday February 21, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary
<http://www.swanlake.bc.ca/>

Come early and enjoy one of Doug's favourite natural areas, walk the trails and boardwalk and feed the ducks.

Tea, coffee and snacks!
Tickets \$20.00, at Goldstream Nature House or by emailing Lenny at
ljross@shaw.ca <<mailto:ljross@shaw.ca>>

<http://www.jamesgordon.ca/>

Submitted by Sylvia and Ron Samborski GHC Monday Bass & Soprano

**NEEDED:
VOLUNTEER BOOKKEEPER FOR THE CAIA CONNECTION
Also...CHARTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FOR YEAR END (POSSIBLY VOLUNTEER)**

Do you have an hour or two a week to volunteer to the Caia Connection.

We are looking for a volunteer to handle the bookkeeping for 2010 - this involves some banking, receipting, and record keeping. The time commitment varies depending on specific fund raising activities etc. Some weeks there is none and other a bit more.

We are also looking for a CPA to do our Year End Financial Report to Revenue Canada. I have been keeping the financial records since the organization moved its base from Kelowna to Victoria in March of 2009. Board members are: Shivan Robinsong, Carol Kerr, Blaise Salmon, Ian McLaughlin and Gloria Hansen.

The Caia Connection is a grassroots organization based in Victoria, which fund raises and provides support to health, education, and development projects in the Caia district of Mozambique. Our focus is on the The Ray of Hope project in the town of Caia, and the Kuwangisana home-based care project in the town of Sena. Please have a look at the website for more details.

<http://www.caiacconnection.com>

Please contact me if you are interested, or if you know someone who might take this on.

Gloria Hansen, Board Member and Treasurer, The Caia Connection Board.

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

I believe that the arts are not just a cherry on a cake
– they are like the yeast in bread.

Gita John, PoH Canada Director
(Said in a CFAH interview just prior to our
Jan/10 PoH benefit concerts)

Editorial Submission

===== **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 Wednesday to billh@crucible.ca

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You can always find links to the current, and past, issues at:
<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/newsletters.html>

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