

want to follow. I suggest small ensembles for you to check out might be: Linden Singers, Capriccio, the UVic Chamber Singers, Voces Intimae, and (of course!) Soundings. And, for the *big* choral masterworks, the large choirs in town are: Victoria Philharmonic Choir, Victoria Choral Society, and the UVic Chorus.

I will try to keep everyone up to date with choral concerts that are coming up through this newsletter. In the meantime, go to choir concerts!

~ Denis

Gettin' Higher Choir Info

GHC NEWS & BUSINESS

“CURRENT SINGERS ONLY” CONCERT REPERTOIRE UPDATE

Most of the songs for our June concert repertoire are now posted to the “Current Singers Only” section of our web site, with the appropriate lyric, song & parts files. GO to:

http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/current_singers_only/#current

PLEASE NOTE: If you downloaded the parts for “For This We Stand” prior to last Monday evening (Apr 5) please delete them from your computer, MP3 player, etc. and replace them by downloading the new files that include the arrangement for the new 3rd verse.

“CURRENT SINGERS ONLY” CORE REPERTOIRE UPDATE

A Reminder To Current Members

If you joined the choir before September 2008 and you haven't updated your Core Repertoire pages since you can do so anytime using links in the “Current Singers Only” section at:

http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/current_singers_only/index.html#core

There are two steps involved:

- 1) To replace your “Lyrics Only” section click on any “CR” link in the Core Repertoire list
- 2) To add any missing sheet music scroll down the list and check any song that has “SM” in the lyrics column to see whether or not you have a copy in your binder. If you don't click on the “SM” link and print a copy.

KAPASSENI PLUS! A CONCERT BENEFICIARIES REMINDER

Starting in 1999 all the funds raised from our June Concerts went directly to the Kapasseni Project which used them to help the village of Kapasseni in Mozambique recover from the devastation of 30 years of civil war. Due to the successes achieved in Kapasseni the GHC has also, in recent years, been able to direct some of the funds raised to other projects in the area such as the Kuwangisana Project & Caia Connection. The funds from this June's concert will go to Kapasseni & Kuwangisana

To facilitate that expanded activity the funds raised are processed and distributed to all the beneficiaries by the Ubuntu Choirs Society. For those of you who have been wondering the last couple of Junes...this is why you have been, and will

continue to be, asked (as concert time nears) to make your ticket cheques payable to that society rather than to the Kapasseni Project.

Links to videos, web sites and other sources of information about all the past and current June beneficiaries can be found at:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/index.html#springbenefits>

Check out what our singing supports.

Other Info About Our Community Of Choirs

HIGH NOON CHOIR NEWS & BUSINESS

NEW SESSION OFF AND SINGING...

...but it's not too late to start.

If you, or someone you know, would like to sing in the daytime we welcome new singers anytime.

When: Tuesday, March 30 and runs through June 15, 2010.

Where: Church of Truth - 111 Superior

The High Noon Choir is a non-auditioned choir under the direction of Shivon Robinsong.

Passing this information along to others who might be interested would be appreciated.

~ Shivon & Gloria

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CCLT UPDATES

Community Choir Leadership Trainings ~ Facilitated annually by Denis & Shivon

ANNA B (CCLT 2 - 2005/6) IN CONCERT

Anna B.'s dad calls her music "Cantina Jazz" and seeing as he raised her on Miles Davis, Joao Gilberto and Mariachi records, she quotes him. Her music is a myriad of musical influences from Roots, Brazilian Bossa Nova and Samba,

Mexican Mariachi and Jazz. Her sultry and emotive voice transcends language whether singing in English, Spanish or Portuguese. Her music congers up images of doves, sage, pine trees, lily pads, pirates, wind and loves won and lost.

For more about Anna and to hear some song samples visit:

<http://www.annabmusic.com>

Friday April 23rd at the Church of Truth

Editor's Note

More details will be in the April 16th Choir Community Issue's "Community Events" section. Be sure to check it out. Anna is excellent!!!!

General Info

AN "OPPORTUNITIES TO SING" CORRECTION

In last Friday's Choir Community Issue I included the following item:

**An Invitation To join
THE VICTORIA SUMMER CHOIR**

Victoria Summer Choir directed by Simon Leung is recruiting members for its 5th season. We have openings in all sections – sopranos, altos, tenors and basses.

Rehearsals will take place Tuesday nights from June 1 to August 17 at Fairfield Activity Centre, 380 Cook Street, Victoria.

The registration fee of \$50 includes music and practice CD. **Please see the attached form.**

Musical selections include folksongs, popular, opera choruses and classical music. Some songs will be sung by choir alone; others with soloists. A string orchestra will accompany us.

Our season will end with three concerts:

Friday, August 21 at St. Elizabeth Church in Sidney

Saturday, August 22 at Victoria Conservatory of Music, Victoria

Sunday, August 23 at Duncan United Church, Duncan

Unfortunately I didn't notice the "Please see the attached form" line. As a result I didn't post the form on-line or include a link to it in the item as I usually would. (We don't attach anything to the newsletter). I have now posted the form and here is the link to it:

<http://www.o-my.info/ghc/nl/2010/0409/summer-sign-up.pdf>

My thanks to Kathy Jago, Tuesday Alto, for bringing this oversight to my attention.

~ Bill

YOUR FIREFOX BROWSER WON'T REMEMBER YOUR "CURRENT SINGERS ONLY" ACCESS CODES?

I have had a few reports from people using Firefox about having trouble getting it to remember the new access codes. I had the same problem until I:

Opened the Firefox "Tools" menu

Clicked on
"Options"
"Security" tab
"Saved Passwords" button (right hand side, middle)

Then scrolled down to
<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca> (Current Singers Only)

and deleted all the listings with Usernames other than the current "enchanted"

It worked for me and should for you.

~ Bill

AN UPDATED WINDOWS MEDIA PLAYER TIP FOR PRACTICING WITH "CURRENT SINGERS ONLY" MP3 FILES

Set up your media player to allow you to slow down the speed of play by opening the "Enhancements" panel in your player's "Now Playing" window.

Open Windows Media Player
Click on "View" in the top menu bar
Place your cursor on "Enhancements"
On the resulting fly-out menu click on "Play Speed Settings"

Please note:

If your version of Windows Media Player doesn't have a 'View' menu you can right click on the "Now Playing" tab, to find "Enhancements" and then click on "Play Speed Settings" on the "fly-out menu."

From then on when you open Dubula, or any other tongue twisting song, in Windows Media Player you can practice it first at a slow speed, and then at increasingly higher speeds, as you get comfortable with it at each speed level.

Play with it and enjoy

Recommended by Derwyn Ross GHC Tuesday Bass

Editor's Note

If your browser opens the MP3s on-line in a player other than Windows Media you can find out how to download those files to your computer as described at:

http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/current_singers_only/index.html#playing

(If you don't have Windows Media Player installed on your computer this page also offers information on where you can download copies of it for both Windows and Mac computers)

Once you have the files you want on your computer you can open them in Windows Media by clicking on "File" in its top menu bar.

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

Email is such a funny thing. People hand you these single little messages that are no heavier than a river pebble. But it doesn't take long until you have acquired a pile of pebbles that's taller than you and heavier than you could ever hope to move, even if you wanted to do it over a few dozen trips. But to the person who took the time to hand you their pebble,

it seems outrageous that you can't that one tiny thing.
"What 'pile'? It's just a pebble!"

Clay Shirky, from page 94 of "Here Comes
Everybody: The power of organizing without
organizations"

Editor's Collection

===== 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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