

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

DENIS

Lots of excitement about the upcoming GHC concerts! I'm really looking forward to them myself, and am really enjoying working with you all to prepare the music.

I am also excited about the Soundings concerts, which will be the weekend *following* the GHC concerts, June 12 (evening, in Victoria) and 13 (afternoon, in Saanichton). Our concerts this year have a fascinating and very entertaining mix of songs that speak of similar topics as experienced by people of different eras. A Renaissance lullaby and a lullaby from Billy Joel. Dance music from the 30's, from Bob Marley, and from 16th century Italy. Popular songs from the Beatles and from Shakespeare plays. And much more, and lots of surprises! Don't miss it! I'll have tickets at choir starting soon.

One of the jewels in the crown of our set is this piece, as performed here by a "virtual" choir. It's an exquisite choral song by Eric Whitacre. Have a listen: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1h3Tf26TcA> It's an amazing piece.

~ Denis

ADMIN TEAM NOTES

GLORIA

I love coming to our singing locations on Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's and as I arrive and see all of you arriving simultaneously, I often get a lovely image of honey bees making their way back to the hive - buzzing all the way - knowing they will be making something sweet and delicious (just like the music we make when we sing together).

See you in the hive.

P.S. Posters will be ready for distribution this week...tickets from now until the concert.

~ Gloria

BILL

Tying off loose ends

For those few of you who still have choir fee or practice CD payments to make and those of you who still need to pick-up the practice CDs you ordered I will be at choir all three nights this week. It would be best to get to me before the end of the break as I may leave early some night(s).

~ Bill

Gettin' Higher Choir Info

GHC SWAT SCHEDULE

FOR DETAILS ON THE SALMON ARE SACRED SWAT:

...please check your inbox for the special announcement from Shivon that went out earlier today.

FOR DETAILS ON ALL UPCOMING SWATS...

...(including the Salmon Are Sacred SWAT) please visit the Choir Schedule page of our web site:

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

GHC NEWS & BUSINESS

CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets are now available are now available at choir for our concerts:

The Golden Apples of the Sun - with special guest Gina Sala
Friday, June 4 and Saturday June 5 - 7:30 PM
at the Alix Goolden Performance Hall - 907 Pandora

Please let your family, friends and neighbors know about the concert. I will bring information slips to choir each night, which you can pick up at break and take away with you to give to anyone interested in attending.

If you're new to the choir - it works like this:

Find out who would like to come, bring the cash or a cheque (made out to Ubuntu Choirs) to choir.
Ticket prices are \$20 and (\$15 for seniors, students).

Please make it easy on the ticket sellers by working out in advance which concerts you want tickets for, how many of each type you need and their total cost. **Please make cheques payable to Ubuntu Choirs Society**
www.ubuntuchoirs.net

Tickets will also be available at Munros Books, Ivy's Books, James Bay Book and Coffee, Dig This (Broadmead) and Larsen Music.

See you next week.
~ Gloria

ABOUT POSTER DISTRIBUTION....

They need to go up the week you pick them up if possible.

Putting posters is a very important part of getting people out to the concerts and achieving our fundraising goal. Poster locations need to be where dozens (or more people will see the poster...i.e. not on your fridge, but in a retail window (coffee shop, community center, shopping center, any high traffic area where there are other posters. It's best to put it up yourself, rather than leave it for someone else to do (if at all possible) so have tape and/push pins available.

For a list of some possible locations click on:

<http://www.o-my.info/ghc/nl/2010/0507/distribution.pdf>

For a small version of the poster (letter size) click on:

<http://www.o-my.info/ghc/nl/2010/0507/goldenapples-small.pdf>

Please note:

These small posters are excellent for printing out at home to be posted at home, on your car window or on residential, work or community bulletin boards.

DONATED TICKET FUND (Reminder)

As we have for past concerts we will be accepting donations toward a "Donated Ticket" fund. For each set of our concerts for a number of seasons now this fund has provided tickets for people who would love to hear us in concert but can't afford to buy a ticket themselves.

If you like the idea and wish donate the price of a ticket or two or a few (or even part of one) please see whoever is selling tickets during the break.

If you know of someone needing a "donated ticket" you can request it from the ticket sellers. They will be given out in the order requested as donations make them available.

~ Bill

AFTER PARTY

The after party will be a Floyd's again after our Saturday performance. More details later.

NEW GHC T-SHIRTS

I am ordering a new batch of Gettin' Higher t-shirts, and will be taking orders from now until the end of next week, to have them ready for the concert.

They are silk screened on 100% cotton in bright vibrant colours that are perfect for wearing in our concerts. The design is appealing and cunningly provides you with a cheat sheet for our original song 'Siyahamba', provided you can read Zulu upside down!

They come in sizes extra small to 3 extra large, and long sleeves are available in Black, Red and Royal. Short sleeves are available in Red, Royal, Black, Purple and Turquoise.

The prices are: \$27 for short sleeves, \$29 for Long sleeves and \$30 for XX and XXX large. These prices include tax.

I will bring some samples next week, and they also can be seen at my home. If you are interested, please e-mail me at heatherfox@telus.net, or call 250 592 5838.

Submitted by Heather Fox, Tuesday Soprano and Choir Veteran

A REMINDER OF THE VALUE OF SILENCE

Get the greatest possible value from those working with us in preparation for our concerts!

In the remaining weeks of choir, give yourself and those around you the gift of silence between songs. You will find that this can really deepen the effect that this practice of singing in harmony has on your whole being.

There is a tendency to want to chatter to those around you once a song has finished - with mindfulness, you can curb that urge, and stay focused on the vibration within that the song has set up. In this way, the whole time can be experienced as a very deep sound healing treatment.

Try it! Give each other, Shivon, Denis, Debra Millar and yourself the gift of silent mindfulness.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

I am raffling an original framed watercolor painting (\$500 value) of an open armed daffodil, as a fundraiser for The Sisters of St. Ann in Haiti.

To view a PDF image click on:

<http://www.o-my.info/ghc/nl/2010/0507/deb-freeman-painting.pdf>

I am a Sister of St. Ann and had just begun this painting when news of the earthquake came to us. We lost 5 schools, one clinic, a convent and have other buildings in need of major structural repair.

I will have tickets for sale @ \$5 ea. or 3 for \$10 as well as cards, on Tuesday evening.

Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go directly to the Sisters in Haiti in our efforts to rebuild.

Submitted by Debra Freeman Tuesday Soprano

KAPASSENI PLUS! **A CONCERT BENEFICIARIES REMINDER** (Updated 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 Junes 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 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>

The videos available there are the 45 min. Journey To Kapasseni which documents the beginning of our involvement in Mozambique and the 20 min. Return To Kapasseni which shows the results of that involvement after the first 3 years. Watching these heart warming and voice lifting videos will definitely give you something to more sing for.

Have a video party with some choir friends and check out what our singing supports.

GHC SECTIONAL SCHEDULE & INFO

If you are so solid in your parts that you don't need to come to a sectional please come anyway, others in your section could use your support.

CHOIR SECTIONAL SCHEDULE

Dubula Soprano 1 Part Sectionals

Sopranos: all sopranos wanting to sing the higher part starting on page 6 of Dubula, please come to rehearsal each night this coming week at 7:00 and we'll learn that part so that we'll just be able to fold it into the texture. See you at 7:00!

Alto and Bass sectionals

All three nights the week after next (May 17, 18 & 20) starting at 6:45. Please be there a bit before then so we can warm up early and be singing repertoire starting right on time.

Soprano and Tenor sectionals

All three nights the week after the Altos and Bases (May 24, 25 & 27) starting at 6:45. Please be there a bit before then so we can warm up early and be singing repertoire starting right on time.

HOME SECTIONAL INVITATIONS

May 16 (Sunday) ~ Tenor's @ Syd's (for peninsula singers or take your choice)

I am hosting a tenor sectional on Sunday May 16th, from 3 - 4:30.
Followed by tea and cookies for those who will.

1335 Roy Rd. Turn left off Interurban, two blocks north of Wilkinson Rd.

384-7823 or sydvarley@shaw.ca

Submitted by: Syd Varley, Monday tenor,.

May 16 (Sunday) ~ Tenor's @ Helle's (for in-town singers or take your choice)

I would like to have a tenor sectional on Sunday May 16 from 3 - 5 followed by a potluck.

#4 - 1276 Ryan Street(call for directions) 250-381-5702

I would like someone to bring a keyboard. Please call me if you can bring one. Hope you can make it.
(concerts are only three weeks away then...June 4 and 5)

Submitted by Helle Kallas Tuesday/Thursday Tenor

May 19th (Wednesday) ~ Basses @ Bill's

I am hosting a home sectional for all Basses on Wednesday May 19 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

75 Gorge Rd. **West**, Apt 101, Buzz #1
(at Wascana across from Wings ~ # 8 or #11 bus).
Follow the signs from the gate.
Map: <http://www.crucible.ca/home77.jpg>

Veteran's please note:

This sectional will be in my living room (bldg 75) not the complex's social room (bldg 77).

Beverages of choice and snacks to share are welcome. The practice will be followed by a social gathering for those feeling social.

For further information or answers to your questions please contact me at 920-4160 (8 to 8 weekdays) or at billh@crucible.ca

Submitted by: Bill Hanson, perambulating Bass, etc

May 30th (Sunday) ~ Altos @ Patricia's

As usual I will be hosting my "last Sunday before the concerts" home sectional. Times and other details to be announced later. Stay tuned.

Submitted by Patricia Houston Tuesday Alto

THE JOY OF HOSTING A HOME SECTIONAL

***** EXTRA PRACTICE! ***** EXTRA SOCIABILITY! ***** POTLUCK? *****

Just pick a date and time that works for you, let me know and I will:

1. add your sectional to the "Home Sectional Invitations" list in the appropriate issues of the newsletter
2. email a special advance announcement to everyone in your section (just your night or all nights)
3. email you a call list of names and phone numbers for members of your section who are not on email

If you want to host a home sectional please call me (Bill) at 920-4160 or email me at billh@crucible.ca

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's through June 15 - 12PM - 1:30 PM
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

CCLT UPDATES

Community Choir Leadership Trainings ~ Facilitated annually by Denis & Shivon

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO POTENTIAL CHOIR LEADERS

Information about the **2010** Community Choir Leadership Trainings (**7th year**) is now available on the CCLT website at:

<http://www.communitychoirleadership.com>

Please pass this information on to friends from far and wide who may be interested in learning how to organize, administer and direct a choir modeled on the Getting' Higher Choir (or who may know someone else who might be interested). Passing the information on via any singing/music oriented organizations or newsletters as well as via any websites, blogs and social networking tools that you are involved with would also be appreciated.

General Info

CHOIR LOST & FOUND

Monday: on the closet shelf in the closet opposite the entrance.
Tues/Thurs: on the foyer closet shelf to the left as you enter the building.

PERSONAL JOURNAL FOUND

The Church of Truth has its annual fundraising sale coming up. As in past years any unclaimed contents of the choir lost and found box there will be donated to it.

Last night I was looking through the box out of curiosity and among the water bottles, jackets and other items found a personal journal that looks like it should be valuable to the owner and of very limited value to anyone else. I brought it home with me to keep it safe until I could find the owner.

The cover is fabric printed with a colourful depiction of a variety of fresh produce and canned goods. Check it out:

<http://www.o-my.info/ghc/nl/2010/0507/lost-journal.pdf>

If it is yours you can connect with me at choir any night this week or you can arrange with me to pick it up at my place near Gorge & Tillicum by calling 250-920-4160 (8 to 8 weekdays).

If you think you know whose it is please pass this information onto them as they may not notice this item themselves.

~ Bill

===== 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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