

3. THE SINGER'S CENSUS CONTINUES THIS WEEK

If you haven't indicated whether or not you intend to sing in either or both of the concerts please be sure to fill the information on the sign-up sheet for your section this week.

4. A REMINDER FOR MONDAY SINGERS

Monday choir is in session on all holidays. If it wasn't Monday singers would get severely short changed on their singing time each season compared to singers from the other nights.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

SHIVON

I am loving the way our songs are coming together for the GHC concerts in just two weeks. All the efforts that you are putting into learning the words and coming to extra rehearsals, is really starting to show. I'm getting very excited about The Golden Apples of The Sun - I know it will be another glorious GHC concert, so lets all make sure we have two packed houses to sing to! Tell all your friends and family, send out emails, put up posters, etc etc.

Be sure to check out the latest Kapasseni newsletter - available on paper at choir, or in full colour on the website: www.kapasseni.org

Also on the website, is the 50-minute film, Journey to Kapasseni. It is accompanied by an excellent study guide for school teachers. If anyone wants to borrow a DVD to show the film at school, just ask me.

On a personal note, I am planning to be out of town most of the summer (mostly on Cortes Island), and we are renting our Victoria house out by the week through a vacation rental agency. If you happen to know anyone travelling to Victoria who's looking to rent a great 3-bedroom house in Fairfield near the beach, please tell them about "Clover Point House". Details are on the website: <http://www.emrvacationrentals.com/vacation-rental-detail.ihtml?id=1399>

~ Shivon

DENIS

In the run-up to our own terrific concert I hope that ~~some~~ many of you will want to catch the Soundings concert the following weekend. Soundings has worked really hard to prepare a concert full of amazing music and delightful surprises! Everything from exotic Medieval Spanish love songs and rousing English folk ballads to Leonard Cohen and the Beatles. As a special treat (both for the audience as well as for ourselves) we are going to be singing this song, which many of you have become familiar with through this newsletter: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1h3Tf26TcA>

Here are the details. I'll have tickets and more info at GHC evenings.

Saturday, June 12, 8:00 p.m.,
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Douglas St. at Broughton, Victoria
Sunday, June 13, 2:30 p.m.,
St Mary's Anglican Church, East Saanich Rd at Cultra, Saanichton

General admission \$15, available at Long & McQuade Music or by calling 250 544-4393.

~ Denis

ADMIN TEAM NOTES

GLORIA

A note of appreciation to current members for your effort towards ticket sales and Poster Distribution - I'm seeing Posters up everywhere.

Two-Toonies For Tunes On Tuesdays News

I'll be posting the times for the Summer Drop-in's soon. They will be on Tuesday nights - Church of Truth and likely be for at least 5 weeks in August. I love leading you all in song during the summer... Stay tuned.

Thanks

~ Gloria

BILL

Well folks we are almost there. Concert time is either eagerly anticipated or looms too closely depending on our individual levels of confidence with our repertoire and comfort with singing in public. Since the eager anticipators have no need of encouragement from me I am addressing these notes to those among us for whom the concerts are approaching to closely and too fast. In particular to those you who don't have anything stopping you from singing in the concerts other than the above mentioned lack of confidence and/or comfort.

If you have already decided that, as much as you wish you could, you can't...even if you have already signed up on the singers census sheets that you won't be singing, or are about to do so...consider that a tentative decision. Take a chance. Hang in there at all the practices you can get to over the next couple of weeks, practice as much as you can, take part in the big rehearsal on June 3rd and then make your final decision. If at all possible talk yourself into it instead of out of it. You won't regret the experience.

As the confidence and comfort level of everyone around you grows yours will be lifted up by theirs. As more and more of us put our books down and allow Denis and Shivon to unite us under their direction we will more and more sing from our individual hearts as a harmonious whole. "Ubuntu"...I am because we are. There is a melding and a growing that happens in the last couple of weeks that will surprise, nourish and encourage you. Give it the opportunity to do so.

In the April 23 Choir Admin Issue I included an item titled "Feeling Overwhelmed?" If you don't didn't see it, don't remember it or haven't saved it, but would like to check it out, click on:

<http://www.o-my.info/ghc/misc/2010/05/feeling-overwhelmed.pdf>

PS

Keep in mind that we conduct the Singer's Census to get as close an idea as we can of how many of us will be on stage but we don't expect the resulting count to be exact. There are always a few who can't make it at the last minute and a few who unexpectedly do. If you indicated on the census sheets that you are not singing in the concerts and you change your mind let me know by handing me a note at choir, by emailing: billh@crucible.ca or by calling 250-920-4160 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) anytime up to Thursday June 3rd. If you change your mind at the last minute on Friday the 4th or Saturday the 5th just show up...you will be welcome.

~ plus ~

I still have 1 free scanner available

Contact me as described in the paragraph above

I also have the following practice CDs available

1 Soprano
2 Alto

5 Bass

End of Season Newsletter Schedule

May 28 Choir Community Issue
June 4 No newsletter (concert weekend)
June 11 Combined Season Wrap-Up Issue (Admin & Community)
Sept 3 First Choir Admin Issue of the Fall Season

~ Bill

Gettin' Higher Choir Info

OTHER GHC NEWS & BUSINESS

GETTING STARTED WITH DUBULA

In case it is helpful here are the beginning lyrics for Dubula...

nTakana tilo tilo upay they ni gemlo mo
nTakana tilo tilo upay they ni gemlo mo Mmm
nDi pet a maso sa-na lwam, Mmm
Uwa sa pengay ka vutwabo. Bom bom bom bom bom
~ Repeat above ~
Tshi-sa

Submitted by Jacklyn Jolicoeur, Tuesday Tenor (with some tweaking by Shivon & Bill)

GHC RECORDINGS CLEARANCE SALE!!

We want to sell off as much of our CD stock as possible, and raise funds to produce the next GHC album.

We are offering the following 4 CDs:

Mandala (guests Ann Mortifee, Charlie Murphy, Harold Moses) Produced in 2000, songs included are: All the Diamonds, Pachelbel Meditation, Innisfree, Gabi Gabi, Woyaya, O My Dear Heart, WHILE Shepherds Watched, Love Streaming, Silent Promise, I'll Tell me Ma, Light is Returning, Irish Heartbeat, Shine on, Rdha's Song, and N'Kosi Sikelele'i Afrika.

For details on these next CDs, click on:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/onevoice.php>

Concert for the Earth Charter (2004) (with Raffi)

Shine All Your Light (2007) (with Beth Nielsen Chapman)

One Voice (2009) (with Daniel Lapp, BC Fiddle Orchestra, and a number of other fabulous musicians)

SPECIAL PRICES (for the next two weeks only)

Any 2 CDs for \$15

Any 3 for \$20

Any 4 for \$25

Any 5 for \$30

Cheques should be made out to **GHC recordings**.

CDs will be on sale before and after choir, and during the break.

Anyone not attending GHC or HNC these two weeks, can call Shivon and arrange to pick up from her house in Fairfield.

SILENT MINDFULNESS HELPS!

As we get closer to the concerts there will be more and more of us coming to choir more than once a week. The increased numbers each week will make casual chatter between songs even more disruptive than usual. Offering as much silent mindfulness as we can will make it easier for Shivon and Denis to lead our practices and for all of us to get our parts solidly into our hearts so that we can truly get higher in our concerts

~ Bill

KAPASSENI NEWSLETTER ON LINE

The latest Kapasseni newsletter (May 2010) is now available on-line with the latest news and colour photos. Please take a few minutes to have a look at it by clicking on:

<http://www.o-my.info/ghc/misc/2010/05/201005-kapasseni-newsletter.pdf>

You can get a sense of the project's history from past Kapasseni Project Newsletter (from 2000) by clicking on:

<http://www.kapasseni.org/news.htm>

Using the links on this page you can visit the rest of the Kapasseni Project site.

For other information, videos, etc, about our support of Mozambique visit:

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

Please send this item and its links to anyone you think might be interested.

GHC T-SHIRTS UPDATE

Choir t-shirts have now been ordered and will be ready for the first week of June, before the concert. I will bring them to choir on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday that week.

I have ordered extras so if you didn't order one, you still may be in luck if I brilliantly ordered just the right size and colour for you! To place a request for one of the "extras" e-mail me at heatherfox@telus.net, or call 250 592 5838 and let me know your size. If I can I will.

Submitted by Heather Fox, Tuesday Soprano

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

GHC SWAT SCHEDULE

FOR DETAILS ON ALL UPCOMING SWAT...

June 12 ~ Victoria Grandmothers for Africa SWAT
June 25 ~ Celebration of NEED Crisis and Information Line SWAT
July 1 ~ Gorge Road Canada Day Picnic SWAT

...please visit the Choir Schedule page of our web site:

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

CONCERT INFO

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.** For further information about this organization see 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

DONATED TICKET FUND

Donated tickets are tickets that choir members have generously paid for in full or in part which can then be given to someone (not choir members) who could not otherwise afford to attend the concerts.

If you would like to donate a ticket (or part of one or a bunch) or if you want to pick one up for someone who qualifies please go to the ticket sales table any choir night. There will be a collection box on the table and you can request Donated Tickets from the ticket sellers.

For past concerts your collective generosity has resulted in 20 to 30 people coming to hear us at each concert who otherwise would have had to miss the exquisite aural experience that we offer.

"Donated" tickets will be given out as they become available.

A Special Note:

If you are not coming to choir this season but would like to contribute to this fund please mail your donation to Donated Ticket Fund, c/o Bill Hanson, #101- 75 Gorge Rd. West, Victoria, V9A 7A9. To be sure of getting it in on time it would be best to mail it within the next few days. You would, of course, also be welcome to drop into choir for a visit and drop it off or send it with a currently registered choir friend.

ABOUT POSTER DISTRIBUTION...

Our full-sized posters need to go up the week you pick them up at choir 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>

Our small posters that you can print off the internet can put up anytime in the lower traffic areas that aren't suitable for the full-sized poster.

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 to be posted at home, on your car window or on residential, work or community bulletin boards.

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

Soprano and Tenor sectionals

All three nights the week after the Altos and Basses (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 23rd (Sunday) ~ Altos @ Patricia's

Please note the change of date from May 30th to May 23rd

As usual I will be hosting my last Sunday before the concerts home sectional.

Alto Sectional Sunday, May 23rd.

Place: 691 Richmond Ave. corner of Gonzales.

Time 3 - 5 P.M. Brush up on all alto parts. Shivon will most likely be there to help.

Sorry...no potluck this time due to a schedule conflict.

Hosted by Patricia Houston Tuesday Alto

May 26th (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) Basses @ Dennis'

We start at 1:30 p.m. for up to 2 hours if necessary (and PLEASE do not come earlier than 1:25 p.m. as last time I had some people arrive 25 minutes early).

Dennis Donnelly has expressed that he will attempt to attend both if he can but no guarantees.

My space is limited to a maximum of 10 participants and I ask that those who intend to come PHONE ME AHEAD OF TIME TO CONFIRM at 250 995-1770 leaving their name AND phone number on my answering machine and if they are interested in a potluck social afterwards for an hour or so to get to know each other better. If there is enough interest I will advise them of this and what to bring. Last time my two home sectionals were well attended and quite productive as well as fun.

My address is 905 Burdett Avenue (at Quadra)-apt.#201 but access buzzer is #10 and my name is on the entry board.

NOTE; it is illegal to turn left off Quadra onto Burdett and although many people do there is often a group of cops sitting there waiting for them. Usually there is ample parking on Sundays on Burdett and Quadra unless there is a funeral or something going on as my neighbor is Christ Church Cathedral.

Please do come gentlemen and let's have fun building a strong unified bass voice for the concert!

Submitted by Dennis Murphy Thursday Bass

Other Info About Our Community Of Choirs

HIGH NOON CHOIR NEWS & BUSINESS

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

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.

***** QUOTE BREAK *****

He who has a why to live for can bear almost any how.

Friedrich Nietzsche
(1844-1900, German philosopher)

Submitted by Patricia Houston GHC Alto

===== 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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