



To all who sang in last weekend's concerts, I want to say how proud I was of you - your focus & presence, your gloriously colourful and joyful appearance, your enunciation, and of course, your beautiful singing - all combined to make it yet another "best ever" performance. Thank you for all you did to get yourselves to that point of becoming "one world, one voice, one heart beating"! On the vibrational level, that's got to be good for the planet. And, we know for sure that our singing is making a huge difference in the lives of the people of Kapassenia and Sena in Mozambique.

And, to all who participated in my Birthday gifts and wishes, a huge thank you - you managed to surprise me not just once but twice! Some were asking why I'm going to New York. The story is, I was invited to go to Washington DC to lead singing at the 2010 International Conference of Results, a wonderful organization that lobbies for anti-poverty legislation through well researched and targeted grass-roots letter writing. (<http://www.results.org>). Since I was flying out east for June 19-23, I thought it would be a great opportunity to bus up to NYC for my first ever visit. I'll be staying with Lynn Anderson, of CCLT5.

I hope to see lots of you at the various summer SWATs - details below!

~ Shivon

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## DENIS

Thank you all so much for your amazing generosity! I was bowled over not only by the wonderful experience you gave the audience this weekend, but also by your generosity of spirit towards myself. It was totally unexpected, although I remain not a little humbled. Many thanks also to Bill, who put the booklet together. As I said at the concert, I can only read a bit at a time as it is overwhelming. Thank you all for your presence, your spirit, and your hard work over the weeks. The result was an unforgettable concert. What a community this is!

On a personal note, many thanks for the concern that has been expressed to me as I deal with my ear infection. I can tell you now that it has been positively diagnosed as a fungal infection, which is why my earlier treatment program did not work. My ENT specialist is confident that there are likely no long-term implications coming out of this and that my hearing should return fully in a few weeks. It's already improving.

I hope to see many of you at the Soundings concert this weekend. In either case, I wish you all a wonderful, healthy, relaxing, and joyful summer.

~ Denis

## ADMIN TEAM NOTES

### GLORIA

I love the concert experience. Getting ready, honing the songs, getting the word out there. Working with our guest artists - each one uniquely different. Walking on stage the first concert and seeing the Alix Goolden Hall filled with expectant concert goers.

When we deliver the songs we love and the audience is moved - often to places of joy and awe, sometimes to tears, but always in response to our deep desire to 'communicate' with them through our songs and with our voices there is much magic in that.

Thank you Shivon and Denis for the wealth of happiness that you bring us all. I hope you had a wonderful surprise on both of your birthday evenings.

I look forward to another great fall session and beyond. Can't wait to know what we'll be singing.

Have a great summer everyone. Hope to see you the Drop-In's in August.

~ Gloria

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## BILL

Hello all! Mixed feelings. Sad the season is ended. Happy to have a change of pace over the summer.

It has been an excellent season with some great songs (thanks again Beth)...a goodly number of flashbacks for which I was off book early and a great deal of satisfaction in finally getting my tongue around the words to Dubala just before the concert (well almost all).

Denis and Shivon's birthday honourings were great fun. Managing to surprise them two nights in a row took a little planning, plus wonderful co-operation from all of you, but we pulled it off. I loved the expression on their faces on Saturday when we finished singing the birthday song and Gloria turned and said something to the effect that the best thing about honouring them two nights in a row was the opportunity for another gifting. Your generous response to the Birthday Collection made the following gifts possible:

Shivon

Friday

A head to toe spa treatment

Saturday

A fistful of US dollars for New York Mad Money

Denis

Friday

The Birthday Book that so many of you contributed wishes, appreciations and anecdotes to plus a Bolen Books gift certificate

Saturday

A bottle of quality scotch and a Long & McQuade gift certificate

To Denis and Shivon I will take the liberty of saying on behalf of us all "Thanks for the incredible gift of song" and for myself I say to them "Thanks for letting me play with you on the admin team" it is the best experience of smooth and comfortable teamwork that I have ever had in a working life of nearly 50 years!

~ Bill

## Gettin' Higher Choir Info

### CONCERT FOLLOW-UP INFO

#### CONCERT FINANCIAL REPORT

Although there will be some additional donations that will come in by mail, my current financial records show that we have cleared (after expenses) over **\$17,000** for our Kapasseni and Kuwangisana projects. Well done everyone - as always it's a team effort.

Note: Please see the "Concert Appreciations" item below for my gratitude to all those who helped make the concerts successful.

~ Gloria

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#### CONCERT APPRECIATIONS

Thanks especially to all of you choir members who got the posters up, got the word out, got the tickets sold...you were incredible.

My very special thanks to Bill Hanson...

I think you all know how much Bill Hanson does at keeping us informed and getting the word out through the newsletter

and through specials - a job well done again, Bill.

I'd like to thank the following people and stores for supporting our success.

Thanks to:

- a. Barb McClintock (GHC Alto) for P.R. and promotion for the concerts.
- b. Sophie Moore of Ladybird Communications (GHC Soprano) for the design of the poster, tickets and program.
- c. Maria Squance - for raising \$300 through the sale of her beautiful cards.
- d. Marnie and Bob Lamb - - Marnie for totally managing the CD table sales and Bob for his calm handling of the front door sales and details - keeping all of our concert goers well looked after.
- e. Robyn Whitbread, Merrie Christoff for ticket sales at choir nights. (also Bill Hanson).
- f. Program stuffers, ushers and CD sellers at the concerts, including Josephine Munro, Mary De Zwager, Susan Smith, Anu Patel, Thomas Wakefield, Jill Kirby, Richard Baldwin, Bette Bultena and any others who may have helped.

Munro's Books, Ivy's Books, Dig This (Broadmead), James Bay Coffee and Books, Larsen Music and all their staff. If you get a chance to drop in to any of these stores as customers or just to say thanks it would be appreciated.

Gloria

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**MANY THANKS TO THE CHOIR  
FROM THE KAPASSENI AND KUWANGISANA PROJECTS**

June 7, 2010

Dear Shivon, Dennis and the Gettin' Higher Choir,

Wow, another great weekend of music and fellowship! Thank you so much for all your hard work in preparing for the concert and for supporting our work in Kapasseni and Kuwangisana.

This year we had a fund established in memory of Jan Grier - a former Gettin' Higher Choir member who loved helping Kapasseni school. Funds donated to her memorial fund will start building another classroom and concert proceeds will be added to build 2 classrooms altogether. Teacher's housing is nearing completion and they will be finished by the end of July.

Perpetua is doing such a great job at Kuwangisana and the funds donated for this program will help start building the classrooms for the orphans. I have sent a few pictures to put on the choir website to inspire you to keep on singing!

Editor: To view these photos click on:

[Http://www.o-my.info/ghc/nl/2010/0610/kuwangisana.pdf](http://www.o-my.info/ghc/nl/2010/0610/kuwangisana.pdf)

Perpetua said she was so grateful for the short break and time to visit her children and see so many of you. She feels refreshed and ready to get back to work. Your singing and support keep her and Joseph going too.

Thank you again so much and I will keep you informed of updates on Kapasseni and Kuwangisana. If you have any questions please feel free to call me or email me at any time.

Carol Kerr

Kapasseni Project [www.kapasseni.org](http://www.kapasseni.org)

Email [c-kerr@shaw.ca](mailto:c-kerr@shaw.ca) or call 250-478-9296

Submitted by Gloria Hansen, Tenor and GHC and HNC admin.

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## SHARE YOUR CONCERT EXPERIENCE!

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 click on:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/calendar/2010/06/04>

Scroll down and click on:

**Read or post comments about this concert**

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.

Your comments will add heart to the concert history that is evolving on the site.

## GHC FALL SEASON INFO & SCHEDULE

Our 2010 Fall season will run from Sept. 20 to the end of January with a two week holiday break starting Dec. 16.

For full details of the dates, times, locations, etc. please visit:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/#fall2010>

## GHC NEWS & BUSINESS

### GUEST ARTISTS FOR 2010/11 CONFIRMED!

In an unprecedented surge of luck, we have confirmed both our guest artists for the coming year's singing. Our guest in the January 2011 concerts will be Nashville's **Kimmie Rhodes**. Kimmie was recommended to us by Beth Nielsen Chapman, who is a song-writing partner with her. Kimmie is pumped about coming up. YOU can check out Kimmie here: <http://www.kimmierhodes.com/> and you can also check her out on YouTube, where there are lots of videos of her solo as well as with many guests.

Our guest for the June 2011 concert will be **Kinobe**, as you know. You can learn more about Kinobe here: <http://www.kinobemusic.com/> and here: <http://www.kinobemusic.com/nomad.html> Those who saw him recently in Victoria know that we are in for an African treat!

Shivon and Denis

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### SHIVON & PERPETUA ON CBC

At 6:45 on the morning of our Friday concert Shivon & Perpetua were interviewed on CBC. If you missed it then you can listen to it now by clicking on:

<http://www.gettinhigherchoir.ca/community-info/promo/shivon-perpetua-cbc-20100604.mp3>

With thanks to Kelly Nakatsuka, GHC Thursday Tenor, who sent the audio file he created at the CBC and also thanks to Ernie Sketchley, GHC Monday Bass, for sending in an audio file he recorded off his radio.

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### SUMMER COURSES WITH DEBORAH MILLAR

Deborah be offering vocal courses to choir members over the summer.

- The plan is to run 4 courses over the summer:
  - Two 5 week courses beginning at the end of June: one for altos (who have been patiently waiting) and one Level 1 course available to all (mix from all sections).
  - Two 5 week courses in August: one level 1 and one level 2 (attended level 1 course already). Both of these sections are open to everyone, from all sections.
- For details see our flyer by clicking on: <http://www.o-my.info/ghc/nl/2010/0610/deborahs-workshops.pdf>
- Sally Gose (Monday night alto) will be assisting Deborah with the organization and registration, and will be the contact person. [sgose@telus.net](mailto:sgose@telus.net) (250) 474-3403

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## GUATEMALAN SCARF PROJECT UPDATE

### Tragedy Hits Guatemalan Villages

Many of you have supported the work (in particular The Scarves for Stoves Project) that we have been doing in these impoverished Mayan villages for the past 4 years. A tropical storm has slammed into Guatemala causing horrendous mudslides, in particular in our little village of San Antonio where 20 were killed, more missing and countless homeless and which is now cut off except by water. The people are desperate for food, shelter and medical supplies. Please refer to Kathy Coster's letter at <http://www.o-my.info/ghc/nl/2010/0610/guatemala-devastation.pdf> to learn more about it and to see how we are trying to help San Antonio and the surrounding villages. Also please refer to our web page for more information and photos at: <http://www.crucible.ca/temp/guatemala.html>

Recommended by Kathy Coster, Linda Stanton, and Mary Lynch, GHC Choir members

#### Editor's Note:

Here is an informative YouTube video about Paylaikai, the part of San Antonio, which is the worst hurt.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDEFVqcuatM>

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## NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

This issue is the last newsletter for the 2010 Spring season. The next scheduled issue will be the first Admin issue of the Fall season on September 3rd.

Between now and then there may be, from time to time, GHC News & Business "Special Announcements". Whenever one of those goes out I will attach whatever submissions I have on hand (possibly just in the order received).

As with the newsletter:

Dated Events will be repeated in such specials automatically until their date has passed.

Any other items that you want repeated must be re-submitted once they appear in one of these special announcements.

In order to keep my volunteer work in providing this extra summer service to a minimum please make sure that any item you send conforms to the newsletter submission guidelines specified on our site's "Using Our Newsletter" page. If you haven't visited that page lately please review it before you send your first summer submission at:

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

Please submit your items to:

[billh@crucible.ca](mailto:billh@crucible.ca)

There are no guarantees when, or even if, such special announcements will go out so any items you submit are accepted on "standby" only.

~ Bill

## **SUMMER DROP-IN SCHEDULE**

### **2010 Summer Drop-Ins TWO TOONIES FOR TUNES ON TUESDAYS..**

You may be worried that you'll have "Singing Withdrawals" through the summer - worry no longer. For the third year, I'll be leading the Two Toonies for Tunes on Tuesdays Drop-In's.

When: Every Tuesday...August 3 through September 7th (6 weeks)

What time: 7:30 - 9:30

Where: Church of Truth 111 Superior

Who: Anyone who wants to sing...GHC, HNC, friends, summer guests, visitors... all are welcome.

We'll be singing songs from the "Core Repertoire" as well as lots of rounds, gospel songs, world music, fun and fanciful songs as well as many songs from recent concerts. Get out your favorites and be prepared for a songfest.

Bill Hanson has kindly offered to keep us informed by sending out reminders as we get closer to August.

There will be a few guest conductors who can lend their unique style to the mix. Any updates re: drop-ins will be announced in email special announcements and may also be found at

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

Hope to see you all there.

Gloria Hansen

[Community Choir Leadership Training](#), Grad & Registrar,

[High Noon Choir](#) Relief Director & Registrar

Gettin' Higher Choir Director's Admin. Asst.

Contact Info: [gloria@gettinhigherchoir.ca](mailto:gloria@gettinhigherchoir.ca)

## **Other Info About Our Community Of Choirs**

### **CHOIR COMMUNITY LOST & FOUND**

#### **HILROY NOTEBOOK FOUND IN SIDNEY**

A kind lady named Sharon Dickson found a Hilroy notebook with red & white cover on Resthaven in Sidney and they called me because my number seemed to be the most recent in a list of numbers they found in it. The description they gave me is:

The notebook is approx. 1.5 inches thick with several important contact numbers & addresses enclosed...Probably sentimental & rightful owner....Some entries dating back from 2008 to present...

Sharon says if it is yours please call 250-655-9111, someone will be happy to assist you...Have a Great Day,

~ Bill

## HIGH NOON CHOIR NEWS & BUSINESS

### A HIGH NOON CHOIR INVITATION

YOU ARE INVITED...

To join the High Noon Choir for our  
**END OF SEASON SINGING AND FINGER FOODS**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 15**  
from 12 noon - 1:30  
at  
the Church of Truth  
111 Superior Street (James Bay)

This is the High Noon Choir's closing week for this season. We would love to celebrate our weeks of singing in community with you. We'll sing together and share Finger Foods and Ginger Tea. All are welcome.

Please bring a plate, cutlery and cup.

Shivon and Gloria

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### GARDEN GODDESSES 2010 ART SHOW SWAT

Sunday June 13 at 2 p.m. At 4515 Emily Carr Drive.

Shivon and the High Noon Choir have been practicing Great Mother Songs and will be singing them at the ' Garden Goddesses 2010 Art Show on Sunday June 13 at Two p.m.

Please Come and join us. ALL SINGERS ARE WELCOME.

Submitted by Ann-Rosemary Conway; Alto High Noon Choir

## SOUNDINGS NEWS & BUSINESS

### SOUNDINGS IN CONCERT (June 12 & 13)

I am excited about our upcoming 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.

Submitted by Denis Donnelly GHC & Soundings Director

## CCLT UPDATES

Community Choir Leadership Trainings ~ Facilitated annually by Denis & Shivon

### PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO POTENTIAL CHOIR LEADERS ANYWHERE

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.

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## PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO POTENTIAL SINGERS ANYWHERE

Many of the graduates of the Shivon and Denis' Community Choir Leadership Training program (CCLT) are involved in choirs of their own across North America and in Australia.. We consider these choirs to be GHC "sister choirs" and you can find information about them by clicking on:

[http://www.ubuntuchoirs.net/locator\\_coastal\\_BC.php](http://www.ubuntuchoirs.net/locator_coastal_BC.php)

If you know someone who might like to sing in a GHC/HNC style environment send them this link so they can check to see if there is a sister choir in their area.

## General Info

## PRIMARY CHOIR COMMUNITY WEB SITE LINKS

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

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 \*\*\*\*\*

A person's worth in this world is estimated according to the value they put on themselves.

Jean de la Bruyere, 1645-1696 French writer

Editor's Collection

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===== THAT'S **NOT** ALL FOLKS =====  
Our Choir Member's Issue (Part 2) follows TOMORROW 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](mailto: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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