



BCCF Newsletter

Lifelong Singers

Brevis Edition

Dear Readers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! At least the stores and radio stations are recognizing that Christmas is coming. Are you singing along with the familiar carols and songs as you hear them played throughout the busyness of your day? Is your choir preparing the songs of Christmas and feasting on the vast variety of music that is written for this season of the year? As you will see in the **UPCOMING EVENTS** page, our Lifelong Singers are certainly in the Christmas spirit.

In this issue of our newsletter, as well as promoting upcoming concerts, one of our seniors' choirs in BC is "in the spotlight"– the **Kamloops Happy Choristers**. In the next few issues, I would like to share a snapshot of our many choirs who enjoy the pleasure of gathering together for the joy of music.

The slogan of our BC Choral Federation – "**Choral Music: A Lifelong Joy!**" is particularly highlighted as we bring 2015 to a musical forte during this Christmas season. May you be blessed with joy and peace and with a song in your hearts in the days ahead.

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Upcoming Events

PENTICTON TUNE-AGERS

November 22, 2015 - 2 pm

Penticton Tune-Agers are the host choir for this year's "Extravaganza Mass Choir Performance" which will be held at the Penticton United Church, 696 Main Street. Six choirs from Penticton and area will be performing. Our choir director, **Gordon Dawson**, will be conducting the two mass choir numbers. Admission is \$15.

December 6, 2015 - 2 pm

Penticton Tune-Agers will be presenting their yearly **Christmas Concert** at the Summerland United Church, 1304 Henry Road. The program features a delightful range of fun and spiritual selections by both the choir and orchestra. Admission is \$12.

December 13, 2015 - 2 pm

Penticton Tune-Agers choir and orchestra will be performing their **Christmas Concert** at the Shatford Centre, 760 Main Street, Penticton. This afternoon concert is a real variety show and sure to be fun for everyone. Admission is \$12.

CONTACT: For information regarding concerts and tickets please contact: **Peggy Nicolson** at pnichol9@shaw.ca or call **250-487-1413**



KENT STREET CHORISTERS, WHITE ROCK

December 4, 2015 - 7:30 pm

Kent Street Choristers will be performing "Sing We Now of Christmas" at the First United Church, 15385 Semiahmoo Avenue, White Rock. **Lois Johnston** of the Kent Street Choristers writes "Our numbers

continue to grow with 73 registered for our Tuesday morning rehearsals. This year we have 3 members in their nineties attending regularly. The eldest, Ruth McLintock, was 98 years old in May 2015 and continues to inspire all of us. Ruth could easily be a Poster Girl for Lifelong Singers."



BROCK HOUSE KERRISDALE CHOIR, VANCOUVER

January 31, 2016 - 3 pm

The **Brock House Kerrisdale Choir** will be performing in their next concert at St. John's Shaughnessy Anglican Church, 1490 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver. Throughout December, a smaller group (their **Christmas Chorale**) will perform four sing-outs in care homes.



KAMLOOPS HAPPY CHORISTERS

December 5, 2015 - 7 pm

The **Kamloops Happy Choristers** will be presenting selections from their Christmas repertoire at the Blazers' Hockey game in the Sandman Centre, 300 Lorne Street, Kamloops.

December 15, 2015 - 7 pm

The **Kamloops Happy Choristers** are joining several choirs in the city for this year's "Choral Rhapsody" which will be held at the Sagebrush Theatre, 821 Munro Street. Each choir will perform two selections and there will be a Christmas carol singalong included in the program. Admission is with a contribution to the

Upcoming Events continued

Kamloops Food Bank. During the month of December, the choir will also be singing at a seniors' residence and a Rotary Club function.



PEACHLAND VARIETY SINGERS **December 13, 2015 - 2 pm**

Peachland Variety Singers will be presenting "**Happiness Is...**" at the 50 Plus Centre on Beach Avenue, Peachland. The choir will be doing a number of previous **Seniors' Chorifest** songs which are favourites of the older and newer members of the choir. Also the concert will include a Christmas carol singalong for their appreciative audience. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Admission by donation.

*If you have any questions about these concerts, please contact **Janette Walker** at janettewalker01@gmail.com*

EnCHOR, VANCOUVER **November 20, 2015 - 7:30 pm**

EnChor will be presenting "**Of This We Sing: A Choral Celebration of the Cycle of Life**" at the Ryerson United Church, 45th Avenue and Yew Street, Vancouver. Also, singers from **EnChor** together with members of the **UBC Opera Ensemble** will form the **Concert Choir** for the **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Traditional Christmas Concerts** that run from December 10 to December 20 in various locations across the Lower Mainland.

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The Kamloops Happy Choristers

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Kamloops Happy Choristers performing at the Sahali Mall in Kamloops



Soloist with the Kamloops Happy Choristers at the Sahali Mall in Kamloops



Accompanist Gordon Britton, Director Linda Langevin, and Regional BCCF Director Janette Walker



The **Kamloops Happy Choristers** have been a vibrant part of the music scene in Kamloops for forty-two years! In November of 1973, a group of twenty-eight lively seniors formed a choir with two-part harmony under the direction of **JOAN PHILLIPS**. By 1986 (when they sang at Expo 86 in Vancouver), the group had grown to fifty-three singers, singing in four parts. Today, under the capable direction of **Linda Langevin** and with accompanist **Gordon Britton**, they are a fifty voice choir of enthusiastic singers. The history of the Happy Choristers includes trips and annual tours throughout the province and into Alberta. Many appearances at events such as the **Brier, Canada Games, and Centennial** were always very focused on bringing happiness to seniors, shut-ins, schools and the public in general. In 1999, the Happy Choristers organized and hosted a **Seniors' Provincial Chorfest**, the first of its kind for the province. It was well received, well attended and much acclaimed and the BCCF Seniors' Chorfests have continued biennially since that time. In 2013, as a celebration of their 40th anniversary, the Kamloops Happy Choristers once again hosted this event.

The Kamloops Happy Choristers take great pleasure in sharing their music around the city of Kamloops. They sing in seniors' residences and in concerts throughout the year. They are active in fund raising and caring for each other as well as joining together to sing every Wednesday morning in the beautiful Heritage House overlooking the river and park. It is a delight to have this committed BCCF choir as part of the music scene in Kamloops.