

The Viva Voice

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From the Artistic Director

Congratulations to all of you who have participated in spring performances: schools tours, the Paralympics ceremony, and concerts for the residents at Shannon Oaks. Now we're just a couple of weeks away from the end of our season and the final concert on April 17th. Please be sure to check your schedule and plan to be on time for all rehearsals.

It's not too early to think about registering for next year; please watch for forms at the concert on the 17th. Singers who haven't had a "coaching session" or interview for 2 years, or who will be turning 12 and moving up to the Concert Choir, will need to sign up for a 20-minute interview with one of the conductors. Margaret will be contacting you, or you can call her to sign up early for an appointment. Auditions and interviews will be conducted on several days in May and June, and again in late August and early September.

Videos for Sale

Buy a video of our December "Five Gold Rings" concert at only \$18 - a lasting memento. Contact the Viva office to order your copy

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*Thank you to all the choir volunteers: managers, librarians, drivers and chaperones, who have helped with the smooth running of Viva this year. Thanks especially to the drivers and chaperones at the recent schools tours - for the BC and GC: **Dennis Churchill, Hans Urdahl, Sally McGuire, Brenda Diemert & Allison Mundschutz**, and for WS: **Jenny Cooper, Sandra Hett & Sheila Weitman**.*

Do read the rest of this newsletter carefully so as not to miss out on anything!

*Yours musically,
Nicholas Fairbank*



Arlene Overman conducts the Westshore Choir, Boys Choir and Girls Choir at the Paralympic Torch Ceremony in Esquimalt on March 6th.

Thanks to **Jenny Cooper** for the photo.



Discount on Summer Voice Lessons

For those *Viva* choristers who are registered for the **2010-2011** season, voice teacher Marnie Setka-Mooney will take 15% off of her teaching rate for 6 weeks of voice lessons (1x/week) in the summer.

Dates are: **Week of June 28th - August 2nd.**
(If away one of these weeks, make-ups can be arranged with Marnie).

Depending on the age of your child, private voice lessons will be either 30 mins. or 45 mins. Marnie will also teach music theory and ear training for the same discounted offer if voice lessons are not what is desired.

In order to register, post-dated cheques can be given to our manager, Margaret Brownrigg, before the week of June 28th. Please register early, ideally before the end of April, as these time slots for Marnie tend to fill quickly in the summer months.

This offer is **ONLY** for registered *Viva* choristers. For more information, please contact Marnie directly at msetkamooney@shaw.ca or by phone at 250 480-7691.

Viva Board of Governors

Each month we will feature a different member of the Board. This month we present Jocelyn Jenkyns, who joined in November 2009.



Jocelyn Jenkyns has specialized in marketing, communications and project management in both the public and private sectors for the last 20 years. Jocelyn's diverse experience includes owning and operating her own consulting firm for 8 years, running the westcoast offices of a national public and government relations firm, working for the public sector in finance and health, and developing public visitor programming for tourist attractions in Alberta. Jocelyn joined the Victoria Conference Centre as Director of Marketing and Event Sales in 2002 and was appointed General Manager in 2008. She has lived in Victoria for 20 years and is married with two young boys. Her son Tristan is in his second year of the Boys Choir. Jocelyn is excited about the opportunity to be part of the *Viva* board with a specific focus on fundraising, public relations and marketing.

Upcoming Concerts in the Viva Community

Thursday April 8, 8 pm - Don't miss Bruce More's final concert conducting the UVic Chamber Singers (includes Viva Board member Greg Cook). Astonishing & virtuosic pieces by Eric Whitacre are featured, along with other delights. St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral (Blanshard at View); \$15 at the door (from Connie!). Info. 250-658-3407 or <http://finearts.uvic.ca/music/ensembles/chambersingers/>

Saturday, June 5, 8pm - *Hexaphone* performs their last concert of the season: a musical exploration of Time, its vagaries and wonders. Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Crossroad. Tickets at the door \$18. www.hexaphone.org

Do you have an event you'd like everyone to know about?
Email viva@vivachoirs.ca and we'll try to put it in the next newsletter.

**Don't forget to invite all your friends and relations to our
Spring Concert: Sea to Sea !**

**Tickets can be obtained at rehearsals from Margaret or
your choir manager, or from Long & McQuade, Ivy's Books
or Tom Lee Music.**

**Special guests will include Victoria's Poet Laureate Linda
Rogers and Terry Fox Foundation representative Linda
Johnstone, invited for the premiere of "Songlines of
Praise" performed by the Concert Choir.**

**Each Viva Choir and Ensemble will be performing their
favorite selections, and the combined choirs will sing
music with a maritime theme.**

See the schedule on page 4 for dress rehearsal details.

**Arrival time for singers on the concert day is 6:00 pm
(6:15 for Foundation singers). Doors open at 6:30.
The Concert starts at 7:00.**



Viva Youth Choirs

Sea to Sea

Music with a maritime theme,
including the premiere of poems
by Victoria's Poet Laureate
Linda Rogers set to music by Viva's
Nicholas Fairbank & David Archer

**Saturday, April 17, 2010
7:00 pm**
St. Aidan's United Church
(3703 St. Aidan's Street)

With support from:
CRD Arts Committee
Uvic School of Music
Uvic Faculty of Education

www.vivachoirs.ca
Tickets (\$14, \$12 & \$9) available at Long & McQuade,
Ivy's Books, Tom Lee Music and at the door



May Wind-up: Watch your email for the announcement of a special mystery wind-up event in May. We're still working out the details but will let you know as soon as things are set. This will be a great way to socialize with all Viva families and hear about plans for next season.

Viva Choirs CD and ticket Order Form -- Please include payment with order.

Absolute deadline for orders is at the concert.

Date: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

Singer's Name (if different): _____ VIVA Choir level: _____

Concert Date: **April 17, 2010** Number of concert CDs: _____ x \$17 = \$ _____

For mailing, add postage & handling \$4 = \$ _____ **CD total**

Mail to (add \$4): street _____ city _____ code _____

Pick up at St. Aidan's office, 477-2089 Pick up at later choir rehearsal/event if possible (check schedule)

Add Tickets:

Adult # ___ @ \$14 = \$ _____, Sr/student # ___ @ \$12 = \$ _____, Child 12/under # ___ @ \$9 = \$ _____

\$ _____ **Tix total**

Add "Winter Gifts" CD ___ # @ \$24.98 = \$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ Grand total**

Please make cheques payable to Viva Choirs. Please indicate type of payment ___ cash? or chq # _____

Viva Dress Rehearsal Schedule for April 16th, 2010

WS: 5:10 arrival in uniform; bring supper & quiet activity for 6-7:00 break; departure at 7:45.

BC: 5:40 arrival in uniform; bring supper &/or quiet activity for 6:45-7:00 break; departure at 7:45.

GC: 5:40 arrival in uniform; bring supper &/or quiet activity for 6:37-7:00 break; departure at 7:45.

FNW and FNU: 6:40 arrival in uniform; departure at 7:30.

CC-only members: 6:55 arrival in uniform with any unmemorized music in concert folder; depart at 8:15.

YM: 6:55 arrival in uniform with any unmemorized music in concert folder; depart at 8:15.

CH: 6:55 arrival in uniform with any unmemorized music in concert folder; depart 8:30.

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NOTE: Due to the unexpected demands of a dress rehearsal, please allow us to be a little flexible with departure times which may be up to 10 or 15 minutes later !

Enrollment for 2010-2011

See the website for downloadable information and registration forms. Don't forget to register early if you can; you will save \$25 if you send in your forms and cheques before August 31st.

An Urgent Message from Zoltan K. Bear

Hello, all you wonderful *Viva* singers! I'm feeling a little out of sorts because I've lost my little blue *Viva* Choirs vest, the one with all the pins on it that

I've gathered through all the years that I've been with the Choir - way back to Great Victoria Youth Choir days! The pins are from many other choirs that I've met when we've been on tour, at festivals and when we've hosted visiting groups, so in a way, the vest is a historical document!

Do any choristers remember changing me into another uniform, like my T-shirt perhaps, and leaving my vest somewhere? I'd really appreciate your help in finding it - thank you!

Sincerely,
Zoltan

