



The Viva Voice November 16, 2009
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Viva's 22nd year!



Come one come all! Everyone Welcome!
Annual General Meeting of the
Viva Youth Choirs Society of Victoria

Tues Nov 24, 6:30 PM

Room A166, MacLaurin Building, UVic
 6:30-7:00 PM Annual General Meeting, including
 election of Board of Directors

7:00-7:15 Viva Boys and Girls Choirs "Informance"
 mini rehearsal/performance!

7:15-7:30 Meeting of the new Board of Directors

The Viva Youth Choirs Society of Victoria is a registered
 not-for-profit charitable organization and can issue
 receipts for charitable donations for tax purposes. A
 parent/ guardian of each Viva singer is automatically a
 member of the Society and is encouraged to attend the
 AGM. Please contact us if you are interested in joining
 the Board; job descriptions are available upon request.

Viva's Winter Concert - "Five Gold Rings"

*Dress rehearsal attendance is mandatory
 for concert participation.*

Please call Nick Fairbank now (250-514-2669) with any
 scheduling problems for the concert or dress rehearsal.

A copy of the poster &/or flyers will be sent soon, for
 families to print. We hope this helps you with significant
 ticket or CD sales, which are expected in lieu of other
 sorts of choir fundraising projects. Especially consider
 inviting families with choir-aged children who might like
 to join us in January or September, as we now have a few
 spaces available.

If we can raise enough money via singing, we don't have
 to sell other products or services, and we get a happy
 audience as well! Our only other fundraiser is Thrifty
 Foods Smile Cards, which return to us 5% of funds
 loaded onto them – you can re-use your current cards, and
 get new ones at rehearsals, too.

Viva Dress Rehearsal Schedule for Dec. 11th, 2009

Since we really need to concentrate, no observers are
 allowed except official helpers. Managers and uniform
 people will check attire: uniform shirts need to be
 tucked in under a vest, but FN T-shirts should be
 untucked. Please remove jewelry and secure hair off the
 face. (See Handbook or website for further details.)

Rehearsal attendance is required to perform in concert.

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

BC: 5:25 arrival in uniform; bring supper &/or quiet
 activity for 6:15-7:00 break; departure at 7:45.

WS: 6:10 arrival in uniform; departure at 7:45.
 (bathroom break only, 6:45-6:55)

FNW, FNU: 6:40 arrival in uniform; depart 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; bring break activities for 7:45-
 8:15 depart at 8:30.

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

Concert Saturday December 12th.

Concert Sat. Dec 12: singers arrive at 6:00 PM in
 uniform for closed rehearsal; audience doors open at
 6:30 & concert runs approx. 7– 8:45 PM. This is the
 final event until Jan 5 & 6 for all except CH/YM.

ALL except CH/YM: After the concert, please hand in
 music to your own choir's librarian.

Our Valued Volunteers Please note that Kelly Wilson
 was mistakenly listed as WS manager - actually, she
 looks after Foundation Choir, Westshore (FNW) and
 can be reached at 391-4699. Sheila Weitman 479.5679
 ably continues as WS manager. *Also see page 2.*

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

Absolute deadline for orders is at the concert. Due to microphone placement & engineering, recordings often sound better than the concert!

Date: _____ Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

Concert Date: _____ Number of concert CDs: _____ x \$16 = \$ _____
 For mailing, add postage & handling \$4 = \$ _____ **CD total**

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

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

Add Tickets: \$ _____ **Tix total**

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

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 # _____

Volunteers *continued*

Many thanks to the *Viva* parents whose help was so valuable in preparation for and during the Olympic torch ceremony - great gratitude goes especially to Julie, Michele, Jordan, Mickie
Please contact Margaret to offer to help at the concert.

*** REMINDERS of other concerts and gigs ***

Signed up Singers:

Sat Nov 21: Santa Parade, arr. Gov't. & Superior 5 PM
Boys, Girls, West Shore, and Concert Choirs:

Fri. Dec 5: Arrive at 5:00 PM for warm-up at Central Baptist Church, 833 Pandora, for pre-show performance for Kaleidoscope Theatre production. Pick-up TBA.

Vouchers for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at MacPherson playhouse are available for singers and family members at \$18 (\$5 saving off the regular price); contact Margaret if you would like a voucher.

Young Men & Chorale:

Sun., Dec 13: Arrive 10:45 at Royal Colwood Golf Club, 629 Goldstream (see www.royalcolwood.org for directions). Performances at 11:15 & 1:45 with brunch served between; pick up at 2:15. Final event until Jan. 7.

Limited Time Offer to Nov 20th!

Are you a Provincial Government Employee? You can now help support *Viva* Choirs through the Provincial Employees Community Services Fund (PECSF)! Donate a dollar amount off each paycheque, or do a one-time donation!

· Go to the Provincial Employees Community Services Fund page (<http://communityfund.gov.bc.ca/>) and hit the "pledge online" button. · When you're at the "Donate to the Community Fund" page, you'll need to search "other charities" and search "Victoria Youth Choirs Society."

Put in the dollar amount you're comfortable with and you're all set! Thanks so much for thinking of *Viva*!

Tickets, CDs, Program Ads

Tickets will be available at rehearsals, at Long & McQuade Music, Ivy's Book Shop, and at dress rehearsal, for \$9 (12 & under), \$12 (seniors/students), & \$14 (adults). *Viva* singers do not need tickets. The order form for CDs of the concert (see below, also available at rehearsals & the concert) must be turned in with payment by the end of the concert. They'll be ready for pick up at St. Aidan's United Church (N. of Richmond & Cedar Hill X Rd) by about Dec. 16th, and make wonderful presents from parents & siblings to family, friends and teachers!
To place an ad in the concert program, contact Margaret 250.472-2655, 250.382-6485. Ads help with our printing costs and are economical publicity for your business.

Viva Sings at the Olympic Torch Relay

35 singers from the Concert Choir, Boys and Girls Choirs and the West Shore Choir joined forces with 65 singers from the Victoria Children's Choir on October 30th to sing Gregory Charles' "There's a Light / Cette Flamme" in front of the BC Legislature as part of the ceremonies surrounding the arrival of the Olympic flame. This was the premiere performance of the piece which is being sung at over 180 other venues as the flame is carried on a round-the-country tour.

I'd like to thank all the singers, their parents, the conductors, and the volunteers for their hard work in making this event possible. Singers, you met the challenges of the music and the choreography, and I think the end result was a rewarding experience for all - well done !

We'll be performing the song again at our "Five Gold Rings" concert on Dec. 12th, so keep the tune in your head! In the meantime, someone recorded one of our 2 performances and posted it (or most of it) on You Tube, so now you can see us at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYquxjFOjhU>.

Nicholas Fairbank
Artistic Director



7:00^{PM} Saturday,
Dec. 12th '09

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