

The Viva Voice

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From the Artistic Director



February is over already, and Spring Break is on the horizon! *Viva* Choirs are out performing in the community already, with **FNU** at Shannon Oaks on Friday, Feb 26th, and **BC/GC/WS** at the Paralympic ceremonies in Esquimalt March 6. Schools tours are coming up next month (**WS** March 19 and **BC/GC** March 29), and then **CC** will be performing at Shannon Oaks on March 25th. Don't forget the All-Choirs workshop on Sat., March 27th at St. Aidan's, including a session for **CC** with the *a capella* vocal sextet **Hexaphone**.

The **Spring Concert** on April 17 promises a varied programme. The **Terry Fox** Foundation are sending a local representative who will speak briefly about the Foundation before the **CC** sings "Songlines of Praise" with words by **Linda Rogers**. Also on the list are 2 other Rogers songs: **David Archer's** setting for the **BC/GC** of "Rat Milk" and a reprise of "Kites at Clover Point", this time sung by all the intermediate choirs + **CH**. And of course all choirs will be singing the best of their spring repertoire, and the performance will begin and end with massed choir pieces. Be sure to order your audio CD or DVD of the concert ahead of time so that we know how many to print.

Mike Zastre, father of **Robert** in **BC**, has designed a large banner for us, which will be on display at future outside events. Mike also designed the new bookmark, of which 1,000 have been printed for distribution at schools tours and to the general public. Make sure you take a handful to pass out to your friends and relatives who might be interested in singing with us.

Saturday, March 27th, 2010, 1 - 3 pm
at St. Aidan's Church

Viva Spring Workshop for all Choirs and Ensembles with the *Hexaphone* vocal sextet

12:50	BC, GC, WS and CC arrive
1:00 – 1:55	CC work with <i>Hexaphone</i> BC/GC/WS work with Marnie
1:55	FNU and FNW arrive
2:00 – 2:15	Hexaphone performance
2:15 – 2:45	ALL rehearse <u>O Music</u> and <u>Maori's Wedding</u>
2:45	FNU, FNW and YM leave CC (S/A), BC, GC, WS rehearse <u>Kite at Clover Point</u>
3:00	end

The Paralympic Opening Ceremonies

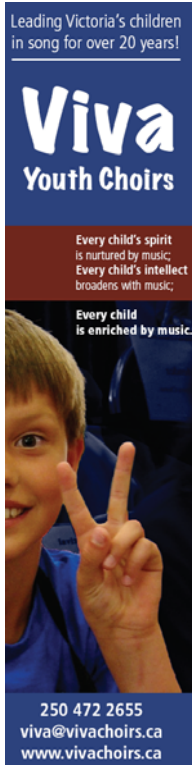
All the *Viva* Intermediate Choirs (**WS/BC/GC**) will be performing with the Naden Band on Saturday, March 6th at the Archie Browning Arena in Esquimalt. Come out and enjoy the free breakfast starting at 8am put on by the Lion's Club. At 8:45 *Viva* will meet at the Board Room and at 9:00 we rehearse with the band. The ceremonies begin at 9:30. Come out and support us!



Hexaphone – Victoria's *a capella* sextet www.hexaphone.org

Videos for Sale

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



Bookmarks !!

The *Viva* bookmarks are in. Please make sure you get some at your next rehearsal, and give them out to your friends, relations and schoolmates who might be interested in singing with us next year.

If you use the public library or your school library, consider leaving a bookmark in each book when you return it...

Incidentally, the boy in the photo making the "V for Viva" sign is Sasha Fraser, taken at the Pacific Rim Children's Chorus Festival in July, 2007.

CC Performance March 25th

The Concert Choir performs at Shannon Oaks retirement home Thursday evening, March 25th.

Meet at 6pm at 2000 Goldsmith Ave. (across from Safeway and very near the Oak Bay Rec. Centre.
Performance 7-7:45
Pick-up 8:30.

SCHOOLS TOURS

Attention:

**Boys and Girls Choirs
and West Shore Choir**

- watch for your schools tour form and teacher letter; please reply ASAP.

Upcoming Concerts in the Viva Community

Saturday, March 20, 8pm

Hexaphone sings *Eostre: Spirit of Light*

Music for the Spring Equinox including the première of a new work by Rodney Sharman.
Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Crossroad. Tickets at the door \$18. www.hexaphone.org

Sunday, March 28, 2:30 pm

Mozart's *Requiem* sung by Via Choralis, orchestra and soloists conducted by Nicholas Fairbank
Rachel Mitten (soprano, Kristy Gislason (alto), Jeremy Notheisz (tenor), Steven De Vries (bass).
St. Elizabeth's Church, 10030 Third St., Sidney. Tickets at the door \$20. www.viachoralis.ca

Wednesday, March 31, noon

Marnie Setka-Mooney (soprano), conductor of FNU and BC/GC choirs, with Sarah Weicker-Partridge (mezzo-soprano) perform Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* at St. Mary's Church on Elgin Street in Oak Bay. Please bring your bag lunch; free coffee will be served. Donations go towards the charity W.I.N.-Women In Need.

Do you have an event you'd like everyone to know about?

Email viva@vivachoirs.ca and we'll put it in the next newsletter.