

# University of Victoria Chamber Singers

# Alumni Newsletter

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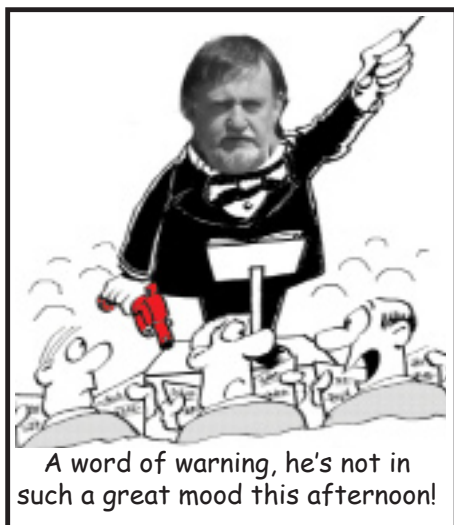
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### Connie and Bruce Visit Alumni:

We had the pleasure of seeing Don MacDonald (89) & his highly successful Opera "Khaos" at the Capitol Theatre in Nelson. Lead role was sung by Alison (Girvan) MacDonald (90).



During our Australia trip in May, we lifted a glass (or 2) with Nina Lidkea(07) & Marsha Minchenko (05) in a Melbourne pub.

## In Memoriam

### Bruce Kirkpatrick Hill

I am very sorry to tell of the passing of Bruce Kirkpatrick Hill. Here is Bruce at last year's retreat. He was always a delight to be around, from his days at UVic to our meeting so many years later when he hosted the singers in Toronto, during my retirement tour. He was a superb musician who also added a great deal of "class" to choral music in his special way. More information is available at: <http://www.facebook.com/BruceKirkpatrickHill>



### John Forrest

Although not a Chamber Singer, I have the fondest memories of John as one of my Malaspina College music students in the early 70s. The photo is of a hysterical "one man band" appearance he made in Toronto with John Candy in the late '70s. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ixWqb0r0RE>) The thing I remember most about John is that he was the heart and soul of the dozen or so music students which I had in those early years of the Malaspina College Music programme. I missed John and his spirit in the ensuing years and I miss him now.



## Alumni Updates:

Joyce Baker (77) accompanied the Quadra Singers in Ceremony of Carols in December.

Charles Barber (84) Here's a rave review of his book on Carlos Kleiber: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/music/tomserviceblog/2012/mar/08/carlos-kleiber-myth-revealed>

Erin Bardua (99) is performing the lead role in Handel's Alcina in Toronto on May 25.

Ian Bullen (96) and wife Liz MacIsaac (84) are moving into their gorgeous new house on Eaglerock Terrace.

Neil Cardew Fanning (92) I got a lovely note from him, but don't know where he is or what he's doing.

Ryan Cho (06) did some of my "Carols from the Edge" with the Terry Fox School in Vancouver in December.

Andrew Clark (10) is my smiling teller at University Heights CIBC.

Andrew Cormier (00) and Robin Streb (97) have moved to Toronto.

Hayley Crittenden (03) is living in Toronto and recently had her e-mail hacked (she's not a prisoner in Barcelona).

Arlene Ewart (98) was in St. Petersburg, Florida in January.

Fred Hanes (Tour 87) is still singing up a storm with the San Jose Symphony Chorus - back from a year and a half in Bologna.

Sarah (Helgeson) Scambler (09) is a receptionist at a chiropractic clinic. With Andrew she's moving to Alaska in August.

Grant Hill (01) is singing with the Vancouver Cantata Singers.

Megan Huckabay (02) is teaching at Saudi Aramco Schools in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Liz MacIsaac (89) won the Gardiner Shield at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival with her Brentwood College Choir.

Ivan Marko (09) is directing musicals at Vic High.

Wade Noble (00), VICC conductor, won the CapriCCio Choral Award at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival.

Johnny Popoff (07) is back in Grand Forks after 2 years with "Lava" in New Zealand and on their world tour.

James Robertson (01) is still with the Winnipeg Symphony, writing choral compositions on the side.

Andrew Scambler (08) is installing smart meters for B.C. Hydro. He and Sarah have just acquired a "labradoodle" dog.

Graham Specht (02) (and Youn Nam) continue to flourish with their school (and baby) in Sokcho, Korea.

Carrie Tennant (99) had her Masters grad recital at the Chan Centre on March 30th.

Lisa Tinney (91) wrote to ask the name of the Tallinn Church we sang in in '91 (Niguliste).

Shannon Tyrrell (97) with her Shawni-gan Lake choir performed "Schweelo" in the Cowichan Musical Festival

Nicole West (Wakefield) (07) is married and a step mom.