

# University of Victoria Chamber Singers

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# Alumni Newsletter



Last summer's CS alumni retreat at Morehaven, with singers from 1978 to 2009 (retreat info for 2014 on page 3)

## Alumni Updates:

*I love hearing from you! Drop me a note; tell how you hated my book (or loved it), but mostly, let me know of pending lawsuits, so I can leave town!*

**Lewis Orr** ('80) is living in The Boundary just outside of Grand Forks, farming & home-schooling his 5 (out of 8) kids living at home (one boy, four girls), having been married for 11 years. They have goats, sheep, pigs, cows, & forty chickens but mainly horses. Since Lewis is physically "differently abled", his wife and kids run the farm. He writes EDM (mainly House) on his computer. If anyone wants to contact or visit him if you're out Nelson way, send him a message on Facebook.

**Taylor Collishaw** ('04) directs the choirs at Point Grey Secondary. Check out her rave student reviews on-line.

**Alexis More** ('00) has moved back to Victoria after 8 years in Nelson. She teaches a strings programme at the Sunrise Waldorf School and plays in the Sooke Philharmonic, returning to Nelson on occasion to play with the Symphony of the Kootenays and her chamber group: *Cafamore*. Her new partner is Eric Lamontagne, a recording engineer for movies and television.

**Steinar Sevje** ('06) is in Israel for a year (home is Oslo). He has a one year old named Freddie (named after Freddie Mercury) who "hopes to sing with Bruce some day".

**Carol Motta (Young)**, conductor of the University of California at Berkeley Chamber Choir "P5", with whom we toured in the 80s, is retired and living in Pennsylvania. In a recent e-mail she asked me, "have you noticed how many choral conductors today are 'premiering' the works we did 25 years ago?"

**Graham Specht** ('02) with wife Youn Nam and daughter Hera, are moving back to B.C. and will be home in Kamloops by May.

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**Alex MacArthur** ('08) is moving back to B.C. He's just completed his private pilot's license and finishing his commercial license. (Where was he when we really needed him to fly us on tour?)

**Mark Beaty** ('00) is back in Victoria now, living in Metchosin, teaching at Lester Pearson and freelancing double bass in Vancouver.

**Sara John** ('90) is the Founder and Music Director of the Toronto contemporary groups: Vespera Women's Choir and V.I.E. (Vespera Instrumental Ensemble).

**Johnny Popoff** ('07) is teaching at the Waldorf School in Nelson, taking (as always) the young people by storm.

## My Book

To date, over 200 copies of The Conductor is the One in Front have been distributed to Chamber Singers alumni and friends. Free copies are still available from me (bmore@uvic.ca) for Chamber Singers who have not already received one. They are also available at the UVic Bookstore.

See John Threlfall's review at:  
<http://finearts.uvic.ca/blog/?p=2836>

**Jamie MacIver** ('89) has finished Med School and is currently completing his medical rotations in Georgia.

**Robert Kwan** ('00) (Dr.) has accepted a new post as Director of Music/Organist at Trinity Episcopal Church Southport, Connecticut.

**Carrie Tenant** ('99) is planning a concert of campfire songs, inspired by Bruce's camp-song website, with her excellent Vancouver Youth Choir, "EnChor" Watch for it on July 7th at Vancouver's Bard on the Beach tent.



The Chamber Singers' legendary first "out-of-province" concert in Crows Nest Alberta

# Chamber Singers 40th Anniversary

2014 marks the 40th anniversary of the beginnings of the “touring” UVic Chamber Singers. The photo and programme below are from Bruce’s first choir at UVic in 1974.



## Friday Music

### University of Victoria, Department of Music

12:30 pm April 5 1973-74 Concert no. 64 MacLaurin Auditorium

University of Victoria Chamber Singers  
and Augmented Chamber Singers

Bruce E. More, conductor  
Mary Copland, assistant conductor

Adoramus Te		G. P. da Palestrina (c.1550-1594)
Crucifixus		A. Lotti (1687-1740)
Der Gang Zum Liebchen		J. Brahms (1833-1897)
Kleine Nachzets - Kantate		J. Brahms
Processional		C. Ives (1874-1954)
On the Counter	Baritone Solo, Lorren Culley	C. Ives
Serenity		C. Ives
The Greatest Man	Tenor Solo, David MacIntyre	C. Ives
67th Psalm		C. Ives

University of Victoria Augmented Chamber Singers  
Bruce More, conductor

Nonsense Songs		Kelley Jones
There Was an Old Man of Quebec		
There Was an Old Man with a Flute		
There Was an Old Man of Cape Horn		
There Was an Old Person of Skye		
There Was a Young Lady Whose Bonnet		

Mary Copland, conductor

Partita Piccola		Sam Van Delden
Preludio		
Quasi Campanella		
Barcarolle		
Postludio		

Trois Chansons		M. Ravel (1875-1927)
Nicolette		
Trois beaux oiseaux du Paradis		
Ronde		

University of Victoria Chamber Singers  
Bruce More, conductor

# Farewell Prima



After 19 years as Victoria’s foremost youth choir, Prima has sung its last chord. Founder Bruce More retired in 2009 and Wade Noble conducted the choir until 2013.

Prima sang more than 60 concerts in Victoria and around the world. In 6 concert tours, they performed in Austria, Hungary, Italy, Germany, California, Korea, Thailand, Hong Kong, Romania (Transylvania), Bulgaria, Turkey, Mexico and Cambodia.

Locally, in addition to their 3 local concerts per season, they sang and gave workshops in Vancouver, Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Shawnigan Lake, Salt Spring Island and Port Angeles.

Prima Singers (fondly known as “primates”) - watch for Bruce’s website and later book dedicated to this fabulous choir.



## Memory Lane on line:

Created at the time of Bruce’s retirement and the 2008 reunion, the Chamber Singers website is alive and well and can be found at:

[brucemore.ca](http://brucemore.ca) (CHAMBER SINGERS ALUMNI)

Containing more than 50 pages, you can find recordings, lists and memorabilia from each year, local and overseas concert tour pages, alumni list, 14 newsletters, reunion memories, recordings and videos

### Concerts & Info

Recordings  
Venues  
Reviews

### Alumni

News Letter  
Grand Reunion  
Reunion Concert Tour  
Chamber Singers by year  
Finding Alumni Singers

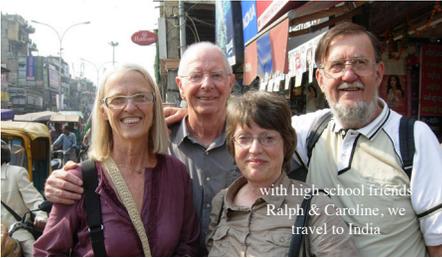
### Archives

Video Clips  
Audio Clips  
Canadian Composers  
New Season Repertoire

### Kudos

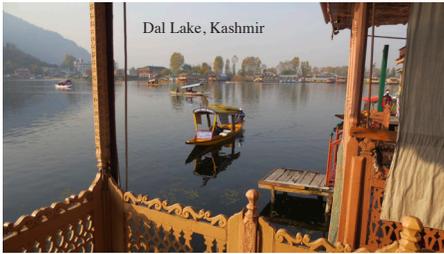
Juno Award  
Les Noces Review  
Charitable Activities

## Bruce & Connie



with high-school friends  
Ralph & Caroline, we  
travel to India

continue to enjoy retirement with our usual thousand-and-one projects plus travel.



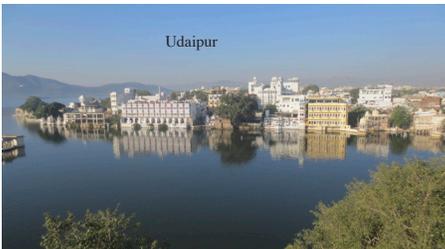
Dal Lake, Kashmir

In November of 2013, we finally took our lifelong dream trip to India, spending 3 weeks in Delhi, various cities in Rajasthan, Varanasi and Kashmir.



On September 1, we celebrated Alexis and Eric's commitment ceremony at Morehaven. We love having our family nearby once again! In addition to March and August trips to Castlegar, we will spend a month in Scandinavia (Stockholm and Oslo) May 15 - June 15.

In October, it's Chicago for 2 weeks & another week with Connie's mom in Virginia, Connie attending her (censored)th high school reunion. Of course we look very much forward to seeing you at the summer retreat!



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# Summer Retreat 2014

## Morehaven, Thetis Island, July 4 - 6

### Come and Feel the Magic!

#### FRIDAY - JULY 4:

Afternoon - retreat begins

7pm: dinner & socializing

#### SATURDAY, JULY 5

Morning: Breakfast & socializing

11am - Singing

1pm - Lunch

Afternoon: socializing,  
hiking, sports, swimming etc.

7pm: Focus dinner

8pm - Best Chamber Singers  
stories, games, more singing.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 6

8:30 am Breakfast

10:30 and 1:20 departures.

All meals are provided; feel free to bring contributions if you wish - please let Bruce know. Bring snacks & beverages, sleeping bag, suit & towel. **RSVP: [bmore@uvic.ca](mailto:bmore@uvic.ca)**

#### Thetis Island Ferry Schedule

Leave Chemainus	Leave Thetis Island	Leave Penelakut Island
	6:25 am (Mon-Sat only)	
		6:40 am (Mon-Sat only)
7:15 am (Mon-Sat only)	7:25 am (Sun only)	
	8:05 am (Mon-Sat only)	7:40 am (Sun only) or 7:45 am (Mon-Sat only)
8:25 am (Sun only) or 8:40 am (Daily except Sun & DC)		
	8:55 am (Sun only) or 9:10 am (Mon-Sat only)	
9:40 am (Sun only) or 9:45 am (Mon-Sat only)		
	10:30 am (Sun only) or 10:35 am (Mon-Sat only)	10:10 am (Sun only) or 10:15 am (Mon-Sat only)
11:40 am		12:10 pm
	12:45 pm	
	1:20 pm (Sat-Thu only) or 1:25 pm (Fri only)	1:35 pm (Sat-Thu only) or 1:45 pm (Fri only)
2:10 pm (Sat-Thu only) or 2:20 pm (Fri only)		
	2:50 pm (Sat-Thu except DC) or 2:55 pm (Fri only)	
3:30 pm (Sat-Thu only) or 3:40 pm (Fri only)		
	4:20 pm (Sat-Thu only) or 4:30 pm (Fri only)	4:00 pm (Sat-Thu only) or 4:10 pm (Fri only)
5:00 pm (Sat-Thu only) or 5:10 pm (Fri only)	5:30 pm (Sat-Thu only) or 5:40 pm (Fri only)	
		5:50 pm (Sat-Thu only) or 6:00 pm (Fri only)
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10:20 pm (Sat-Thu only) or 10:25 pm (Fri only)		
	11:05 pm (Sat-Thu final stop) or 11:10 pm (Fri only)	10:50 pm
11:45 pm (Fri only)		
	12:25 am (Fri only final stop)	12:10 am (Fri only)

