

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA CHAMBER SINGERS

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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A bunch of whippersnappers
Somerset '97

R E M E M B E R I N G T H E E X P E R I E N C E

LANDMARKS:

First Motel

The "Stardust" in Osoyoos, B.C. 2/75

First host "no - show"

Prince George 2/79

(Also first bus tire mark longer than 1k.)

First out of province concert:

Crows Nest Pass Pub 2/84

First International concert:

"Pizza & Pipes" in Vancouver Washington 2/81

First married couple to meet in Chamber Singers

Patti (Robertson) and Allan Thorpe 9/83 (?)

First Tour Manager (and last)

John Anderson 2/76

First (and last) Tour Social Convenor

Richard Margison 2/76

First Tour Mascot

The Wombat (the second was Alexis)

First Tour Saying 2/76

"Wot nyext!"

Best excuse for missing a class

"I can't come 'cause I found a cat"

2nd best excuse (same student)

"The power went out" (which prompted another student to suggest "perhaps he couldn't plug in the cat.")

First rude postcard sent to a faculty member

"Wish you were here" (picture of Alcatraz) 2/81

First tour with bus driven by singers

The second Kootenay tour 2/83 (DTS & DG)

Tours in which singers had to push the bus:

Tsawassen 2/79, Blueberry Paulson 2/84,

Sacramento 4/92, Pass Creek 2/06

Best quote from an Asian student to conductor

"Missa More, you have a bible??"

Best quote from conductor to student

"Some singers have an entire career without leaving their tux on the bus!"

THE GRAND REUNION!

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008
ST. AIDAN'S UNITED CHURCH, VICTORIA

- 1pm - 5pm: Recitals by distinguished alumni

- 6:30 pm: Rehearsal for massed numbers; all alums invited. Music will be sent out in advance.

- 8pm: Gala Concert at St. Aidan's United Church. Programme to include "Alumni Idols" and the 2007/08 Chamber Singers.

- 9:30 pm: Party following in St. Aidan's Church Hall - Buffet Dinner, Reminiscences, Displays & Entertainment.

(Saturday night billets provided for singers on request.)

GRAND ALUMNI CONCERT TOUR

When: April 28 to mid-May, 2008 (see options below)

Where: B.C. and Across Canada (Bus tour)

How long: 10 days to 3 weeks. There will be a 10 day option at the beginning of the tour, mostly in B.C., with these participants making their own return arrangements and paying a pro-rated reduction in tour cost.

Cost for full tour: Probably under \$1,000 each.

Features:

Grand reunion gathering and rehearsals in Victoria, possible beginning April 25, followed by concerts in BC and across Canada, sponsored by alumni where possible. In any concert, alumni will be welcomed to join us on selected repertoire.

There will also be solo, conducting and composer opportunities for "accomplished" alumni. I see this tour as a focus on Chamber Singers through their alumni, not as a "wake" for Bruce More!

Accommodation will be a mixture of billets and hotels.

PROFILE:

AMY DOOLITTLE

Amy was the heart and soul of Chamber Singers when she sang with us from 1978 to '81. Today, she lives in Mississauga with sculptor husband Don and 15 year old daughter Carolyn. Sadly, she has been diagnosed with ALS or Lou Gherig's disease, a serious neuromuscular condition. As those of you who know her can imagine, this hasn't stopped her, as she continues to work as Education Advisor at the Merriam School of Music, the largest independent music school in the country. On August 26th, she launched a wonderful and inspiring CD of songs, flute and guitar selections (see Compact Disc list below). In her philosophical way, Amy tells us, "So we carry on as one must, knowing life is both joy and sorrow, sharing of laughter and tears of grief. All has meaning and life continues to weave the threads of inter-connectedness among those whose paths have crossed mine throughout my life." Amy would love to hear from you: amy@metalgensis.com



COMPACT DISCS

"University of Victoria Chamber Singers"
compilation of recordings from '90 - '95

"The Choral Suite"
compilation of recordings from '95 - '00

"The New A Cappella"
compilation of recordings from '00 - '05

(alumni are encouraged to contact me about their CDs)

"2Music - Everything So Far"
Amy Doolittle

"Si Je Languis"

"Pleasure, Pomp and Power!!!"
Elizabeth MacIsaac - '79 / '84

"Resonance"
Allison Girvan - '86 / '90

"Sun & Moon"
Victor Zupanc - '80 / '81

The music for the new hit Canadian movie: **FIDO**
was created by Don Macdonald - '84 / '89

BLACKMAIL CORNER

If you are concerned that this hot tub photo might include you, please send money to prevent full publication in the next newsletter. If you know you are not in the picture, but would love to see the entire photo, please send money to ensure publication. Publication (or not) depends on which request receives the most money.



IT WASN'T ALL HARD WORK EH?

1974/75



David MacIntyre ← John Anderson ← Rory O'Donnell ← Bob Wing ← Michael Eckford ← Lorren Colley ← Rick Massey ← Stephen Horning
 Robin (Powell) Mitchell → Althea MacAdam → Catherine Lewis → Jane Ratcliffe → Hazel Ramsay → Judith (Johnson) Dowling → Karen Roberts → Diane Rex →

1985/86

Standing - left to right: Tara Beatty, Ken Brewer, Sandra Brown, Nancy Cox, Ken Dosso, Margaret Gillie, Bruce, Tobin Stokes, Don MacDonald, Colin (Calvin) McCarlie, Leslie Wyber, Allan Thorpe, Hilary (Wallis) Plaschke, John Oberhoffner



Sitting - left to right: James Carter, Karen (Patullo) Shumka, Bill Plant, Karen Mang, Mark Bell, Deanna Reschke, Rhonda Metzies, Patti (Robertson) Thorpe, Jamie MacIver

1992/93



Kelly McCauseland ←
 Chet Garber ← Jeremy Greenhouse ← Ian Bullen ← Megan Atchison ← Noreen Balzer ← Derek Chenoweth ← Neil Brandt
 Chris Zarry ← Byron Phillips ← Gordon Comer ← David Phillip
 Kinza Fyrell ← Carolyn Howe ← Jen Harvey ← Carmen Gorgichuk ← Kyla Perrin ← Pam Kerr ← Sue Kelly ← Tammy Schwartzentruber
 Heather McVie ← Rachel Santesso ← Inge Schenck

WANTED!

Please help us find these singers



73/73	Fisher, Randall	81/82	Klassen, Albert	92/93	Duncan, John
73/74	Allen, Jackie	81/82	Reese, Paul	92/93	Perrin, Kyla
73/74	Coell (Eckert), Corinne	81/82	Salmon, Lori	93/95	Knight, Scott
73/74	Godden, Jean	81/82	Stevenson, David	93/95	Pain, Tanya
73/74	Kohno, Peter	81/83	McLean, Joan	93/95	Walker, Mike
73/75	MacIntyre, David	82/82	Graham, Shelley	93/96	Hayes, Caitlin
73/75	Ramsay, Hazel	82/83	Mulloy, Paul	93/97	Wegner, Jeff
73/75	Ratcliffe, Jane	82/84	Giesbrecht, Maria	94/95	Collins, Morgan
74/74	Underhill, Owen	82/84	Giesbrecht, Paul	94/96	Murphy, Kit
74/76	Anderson, John	82/84	Spinney, Elizabeth	95/97	Braun, Karen
74/76	Rex, Diane	83/83	Jackson, Janice	95/97	Dimayuga, Bryan
75/76	Charlancow, Dmitri	83/84	Harris, Deborah	95/97	Hartman, Sven
75/76	Kowalchuk, Claudia	83/84	Janssen, Peter	95/97	Magnusson, Greg
75/76	Roberts, Karen	83/84	Kattler, Karen	95/99	Schill, Jarrett
75/77	Britton, Susan	84/85	Zapf, Linda	96/97	Davidson, Steve
75/77	Hick, Grant	84/86	Metszies, Ronda	96/97	Lehton, Dan
75/78	Jones, Wayne	84-87	Brown, Sandra	96/97	Muendel, Heidi
76/77	Baker, Joyce	85/86	Beatty, Tara	97/98	Dooley, Monica
76/77	Hoadley, Bruce	85-89	Oberhoffner, John	97/98	Monash, Christa
76/77	Isaac, Barbara	86/86	Cole, John	97/99	Mueller, Odessa
76/77	McCarthy, Megan	86/87	Bateman, Anne	97/99	Peters, Shawn
76/77	Morrison, Craig	86/87	Bell, Colleen	97/99	Tennant, Carrie
76/77	Warthe, Louise	86/87	McCarlie, Colin	97/99	Yates, Lexa
76/77	Whitehouse, Rich	86/87	St. Maurice, Miriam	98/00	Ewing, Shannon
76/79	Burke, Betsy	86/87	Toyata, Metin	98/01	Cook, Jesse
76/79	Westmacott, Susan	86/88	Hill, Bruce	98/99	Dyck, Mark
76/81	Jennings, Bruce	87/87	Buchan, David	98/99	Goward, Owen
77/78	Campbell, Bruce	87/87	Berryman, Brian	98/99	Grant, Deborah
77/78	Fortier, Monique	87/88	Dobbie, Mark	98/99	Peaker, Hugh
77/78	Murray, Mary	87/89	Innes, Kevin	98/99	Silsbe, Anne
77/78	Scheidt, Dan	87/89	Nelles, Ariane	99/00	Knapp, Katie
77/79	Illich, Judy	87/89	Selby, Heather	99/00	Moldenhauer, Shannon
77/79	Johnson, Margaret	88/89	Hanenburg, Judy	99/00	Wilson, Jim
77/79	Levi, Lorena	88/89	McGannon, Maureen	99/01	Hill, Grant
77/79	Zunti, Elizabeth	88/89	Miller, Chris	00/01	Allen, Richard
78/79	Harrison, Michael	88/89	Planje, Elizabeth	00/01	Arsenault, Michael
78/79	Sundberg, Lori	88/90	Nelles, Sam	00/01	Cousineau, Kim
78/83	Hogan, Rob	89/90	Christensen, Rod		
79/79	Graham, Anne	89/90	Nordby, Kirsten		
79/80	Berlie, Carolyn	89/91	Rajna, Lynda		
79/80	Orr, Lewis	89/92	Cummings, Margaret		
79/81	Falk, Donna	90/90	Stewart, Duncan		
79/82	Riediger, Carol	90/91	Dodds, Kelly		
80/81	Allen, Peter	90/91	Innes, Eleanor		
80/81	Horgan, Allan	90/92	Funk, Ian		
80/82	Chaplain, Nicole	90/92	Wiebe, Keri		
80/82	MacIntyre, Cath	91/93	Garber, Chester		
81/81	Nickoli, William	91/93	Philip, David		
81/82	Houlden, Jane	92/93	Braaten, Kim		
81/82	Howell, David				

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