

Goulbourn Male Chorus – Newsletter #2/17

Communications: We start off with an apology for a bit of a mix up when trying to arrange the extra practice at Grace St Andrew's church on 18th, and also trying to get a group photo taken. It was all done at pretty short notice and in the end we were not able to get the photographer. The start time of 9am was changed on Tuesday (after rehearsal) due to pushback on such an early start from members present, and an e-mail about not requiring dress shirts and the time change was sent out. The webpage time was not changed and was in error.

Since the majority of us turned up on time and without dress shirts, the message obviously got out, but to those that didn't get it – sorry! **We do recommend that you check your e mail before leaving for rehearsals** --- particularly in a winter where weather conditions have interrupted several rehearsals. Of course if anyone wants to volunteer to do member phone rounds when there are changes, please let Rory know.

Extra Rehearsals:

Watch out for another extra rehearsal at St Andrews, as we need to catch up.

Search for a new MD:

We have reached a tentative agreement with Scott Auchinleck to become our new MD. Scott was short listed last time we looked for an MD and is very well qualified. He visited us at the rehearsal on 14th and now we await a proposal from him.

Spring Concert: April 30th

The title for our Spring Concert is "*Canadian Choral Reflections*". Tickets are now available. Our guests will be the junior chorus of the Goulbourn Jubilee Singers (the Junior Jubilees), and they will do two pieces in each half of the program (maybe 3) and we also hope to do a joint piece at the end of the concert. We are told there may be about 30 of them.

We really need to make an effort to sell tickets – and that means **all** members! We need that revenue stream unless we are ok with a substantial fee hike. Please everyone set a goal of selling 10 tickets.

Hopefully the Juniors will mean that parents and grandparents will come along and we hope that the JJs will sell at least 50 tickets. This will also be a good opportunity to try to recruit some "dads" or "grandads" to the chorus.

Kanata Cultural Festival:

We will be singing at about 7pm in the Earl of March HS auditorium for this event, on 27th May, alongside a number of other Kanata-based choirs and dance troupes. The KCF flyer is now available for free distribution. Based on the recent doodle survey it looks like we will be able to field about 15 members for the evening. More is better. This is a wonderful showcase opportunity for the chorus with a large and interested audience, so lets get a good turn out and deliver a memorable performance. We will be singing:

“Sarah”, “Away from the Roll of the Sea”, “She’s Like the Swallow”, “Northwest Passage” and “Dans Les Chantiers”.

Other Sing outs:

There is a doodle vote out at the moment asking for your availability on 21st May for participating in a concert at Byron’s Church. It would be nice to do this for our outgoing Music Director, so try to make yourself available – even with all the other things that will be going on over that Victoria Day Weekend.

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