

CHORAL BYTES

October 2008

This e-newsletter is intended to keep ACCC members informed about our activities, as well as regional, national and international choral news. We encourage you to share the contents with your fellow conductors, members of your choirs and anyone else interested in choral music. If you wish to be removed from this e-mail distribution list, please contact the ACCC office at accc@ca.inter.net

Ce bulletin électronique a pour but de renseigner nos membres sur nos activités ainsi que de diffuser des nouvelles régionales, nationales et internationales. Nous vous invitons à en partager le contenu avec vos amis directeurs, avec des membres de vos chorales, bref, avec tous ceux qui s'intéressent à la musique chorale. Si vous désirez que votre nom soit enlevé de notre liste d'adresses veuillez contacter le bureau de l'ACCC à l'adresse suivante: accc@ca.inter.net

CHORAL BYTES will be distributed to ACCC members at the beginning of each month. If there are notices you would like to have included, please send the information by the 15th of the previous month to: Carolyn Nielsen: alto@warpnet.ca

CHORAL BYTES sera distribué aux membres de l'ACCC au début du mois. Si vous avez des informations relatives au monde choral susceptibles d'intéresser notre public, veuillez les envoyer avant le 15 du mois précédent à Carolyn Nielsen: alto@warpnet.ca

ACCC NEWS

Welcome to the first installment of monthly e-notes, ***CHORAL BYTES***, from the ACCC! In these notes you will find information of interest to the Canadian choral communities that will help to keep us in touch and “in tune” with what is happening. In this issue read about our new board, how to get involved for the arts during the federal election campaign, news from the provinces and notices about some exciting events.

Voting on the board restructuring was almost unanimously in support of the proposed structure. Our new ACCC Board is:

Executive: Debra Cairns, President
Ki Adam, President Elect
Heather Bedford-Clooney, Past President
James Hawn, Treasurer/Secretary

Vice Presidents: Diane Loomer, Advocacy
Carolyn Nielsen, Communications
Andrée Dagenais, Professional Development

Provincial Executive Directors: Will Zwozdesky, BC
Denise Gress, SK
Elizabeth Shannon, ON
Tim Callahan-Cross, NS
Brendan Lord, AB
Robert Neufeld, MB
Catherine Girard, QC
Leo Macneil, NB

Watch for our new logo, which we anticipate will be available by November.

THE FEDERAL ELECTION, THE ARTS AND YOU

Keep the arts a federal election agenda item, and make your voice and vote count on October 14. Visit this web site link, created by the Canadian Conference on the Arts, specifically devoted to the 2008 Federal Election and candidates' responses to arts-related questions:

<http://www.ccartarts.ca/en/election2008/election2008.htm>

In response to the Federal government's recent cuts to the Arts, the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres is sponsoring a petition site. *Cuts to the Arts are a Loss to Canadians. Click here to sign the [Canada Supports the Arts](#) petition.*

CBC INTRODUCES NEW PROGRAMMING

Despite countrywide protests about changes to Radio2 programming last spring, the proposed changes have happened and we have entered a new era with a different focus and style. Whatever your opinion, it is important to make your views known. Use this link to reach the CBC Contact page: <http://www.cbc.ca/contact/>

PROVINCES APPOINT NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Alliance des Chorales du Québec has recently appointed Catherine Girard as its new executive director. The New Brunswick Choral Federation is pleased to announce that the position of executive director has been increased to full time for the current year and that Leo Macneil has been appointed to fill that position.

FESTIVAL 500 SHARING THE VOICES

Phenomenon of Singing International Symposium VII, July 2-5, 2009

Call for Papers & Presentations

Deadline for submissions: October 15, 2008.

Festival 500 Sharing the Voices, in cooperation with Memorial University of Newfoundland, invites proposals for papers and presentations at The Phenomenon of Singing International Symposium VII. This Symposium is an integral academic component of the renowned Festival 500 international choral festival. The purpose of the Symposium is to gather international expertise and provide a forum for interdisciplinary discourse and performance, the dissemination of research, and the generation of further knowledge relating to the phenomenon of singing. The Symposium invites submissions relating to all aspects of singing and the voice. Submissions relating to the 2009 special focus area for Festival 500, The Power of Song, are encouraged as well. Visit <http://www.festival500.com> for details.



The Alberta Choral Federation, in cooperation with the Alberta Band Association, Alberta Music Education Foundation, Alberta Kodály Association, and Alberta Guild of English Handbell Ringers, is pleased to present **Music Conference Alberta 2008**. Held 30 October-1 November in Red Deer, the conference features:

- * professional development for musicians and music educators through a choice of more than 50 conference sessions
- * opportunities to reconnect and network with colleagues at conference receptions
- * inspiration and repertoire ideas at the 7 Music Conference Alberta concerts
- * the Alberta Choral Symposium
- * opportunities to browse and buy from more than 30 displays at the Music Conference Alberta Trade Fair

Information about Music Conference Alberta sessions and concerts, schedules, the venue, and registration is available on the [Alberta Choral Federation conference page](#). The web page also contains:

- * a complete conference schedule including session descriptions and concert information
- * a downloadable conference brochure
- * information about advertising in the conference program or displaying at the trade fair
- * registration information

For more information, contact the Alberta Choral Federation (780-488-SING, or info@albertachoralfederation.ca).

NATIONAL CONDUCTORS' SYMPOSIUM IN VANCOUVER

February 9-14, 2009

Application Deadline: November 28, 2008

The Vancouver Chamber Choir's 29th Annual National Conductors' Symposium is an opportunity to take part in master classes as a conductor or observer. Learn choral techniques, conducting gesture, score interpretation and more with master conductor Jon Washburn and Canada's premiere choral ensemble the Vancouver Chamber Choir (VCC). Each conductor will conduct before an audience, as part of the VCC's regular concert season. For more information, please visit www.vancouverchamberchoir.com

WORLD YOUTH CHOIR 2009 AUDITIONS

The ACCC office now has all the recruitment and audition information for the 2009 Summer session of the World Youth Choir (for singers aged 17 to 26), which will take place in Belgium. If you or singers in your entourage are interested, please contact the ACCC office at accc@ca.inter.net or at 514-351-4865. More information will appear in the fall issue of *Anacrusis*.

LOOKING FOR CANADIAN GIRLS TO SING AT WORLD EXPO

A Canadian choir will perform at the Magnificent Oriental Art Centre at World Expo Shanghai on Canada Day 2010. Elaine Quilichini, artistic director of Calgary Girls Choir, has accepted the invitation of World Expo Shanghai to conduct a Canadian Choir and she would love to have singers from across Canada participate. For more information, contact Laverna Marchese at tllmarchese@hotmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

- to Theo Tams, former NYC singer, who recently won the Canadian Idol competition!

PODIUM 2010:

Come to Saskatchewan and enjoy our warm prairie hospitality!

The Saskatchewan Choral Federation is pleased and excited to host the Canadian choral community in partnership with ACCC at Podium 2010. Experience our prairie history, culture and the very best in choral music.

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