

# SING CANADA HARMONY SCHOLARSHIP FUND is working for all Barbershoppers and other singers across Canada



## **SING CANADA Cross Canada in Brief**

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### **Thanks to our volunteers**

More and more Barbershoppers, other singers and community leaders are learning about the only charity in Canada that supports what Barbershoppers do and supports vocal music in the communities and schools across the Nation. Sincere thanks to the volunteer Board Members of Sing Canada and Chapter Liaisons who work countless hours "to ensure someone will sing tomorrow".

### **Keep A Melody Ringing (KAMR)**

**Peter John Thompson**

Members of A Cappella Quinte (formerly The Trentones), family, friends

and fans have memorialized, for all time, a well love and esteemed Barbershopper, Peter Thompson We extend our condolences to the Chapter and family for their loss. Peter's name, years of birth / death and Chapter name will be engraved on the Keep A Melody Ringing Plaque in Barbershop Headquarters. Special thanks to Steve Hall, SCH Chapter Liaison for distributing donor forms and coordinating KAMR gifts and to the staff of the Steele Funeral Home for their assistance.

### **In Memoriam**

**Sing Canada extends condolences to the families and Chapters of the following who enjoyed Barbershop Harmony**

Margaret Heath (Oshawa, ON)

John Houseman (Vankleek Hill, ON)

Bob Thomas (Calgary AB)

Jeep Enns (Winnipeg MB)

### **Brochures and Forms**

The Sing Canada website has been upgraded to make available to Chapter Liaisons and others:

- The Sing Canada (trifold) brochure
- The Keep A Melody Ringing Brochure
- Tribute (ready for customization) and regular Donation Forms
- In Memoriam Donation Forms ready for customization

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### **Harmony University Scholarship Recipients**

Thirteen recipients of Sing Canada Harmony Scholarships attended Harmony University. Also attending were three Board Members of Sing Canada. Scholarship recipients are reminded to please submit follow up reports.

**Congratulations Coalition for Music Education in Canada on 20 years of service to MUSIC, CANADA and MUSIC EDUCATION**

### **Wise Voices for Music Round Table**

The first Wise Voices for Music Round Table was hosted in Sydney Cape Breton on the day following the Music Monday Showcase Concert. Wise Voices celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coalition for Music Education in Canada (CMEC) and aims to provide a forum for youth and elders in communities across Canada to come together to discuss relevant

issues involving music in schools and communities - what is working well, and those things that could be improved upon. Opportunities to participate are available.

### **Music Monday May 6, 2013 - Make plans now to join with a youth or children's group**

Next year's Music Monday song will truly "Fill the Skies with Music"! The Coalition is in a new partnership with [CBC Music](#) and the [Canadian Space Agency](#) to take the Music Monday celebration to new heights.

Astronaut/musician Chris Hadfield and singer/songwriter Ed Robertson from the Barenaked Ladies are co-writing the next Music Monday song. Hadfield will play the song from the International Space Station, while Robertson and a youth choir join him to unite in song with schools and communities across our nation.

### **Thank You fuse Creative Communications**

Gordon Hawker, a partner of Fuse Creative Communications and Member of the Calgary Foothills Chapter, has provided Sing Canada with consultation and graphic design work on possible logos. We extend our appreciation and gratitude to Gordon and his firm for their work on behalf of Sing Canada Harmony.

### **Sarah Robertson shares thoughts about people and music**

"Musical awareness is a skill that can last a lifetime." Sarah Robertson joined the Youth Action Network last month. Sarah just finished her second year at the University of Western in the Bachelor of Music Education program. She shared her thoughts with us about learning music. "There is something special that happens inside a person once they learn how music works. They can express themselves creatively and can share that connection with others through music. I believe that music education is an important component in the development of a person and that all students would benefit from an opportunity to develop an appreciation for music. For many of us, access to the world of music was made possible through committed teachers who were eager to share the joy of music with their students." Thank you Sarah (and Holly Nimmons of CMEC) for allowing us to quote you.

Please inform schools in your geographic areas of the support that is available from Sing Canada Harmony through your chapter or chorus. Please contact us for further details.

### **Best Wishes**

**to Contestants and Participants in ORLANDO and DENVER**

Sing Canada Harmony extends best wishes for success to all competing choruses, participants and members of Harmony, Inc. and Sweet Adelines International at their respective International Conventions this fall. Harmony, Inc. will meet to compete in Orlando 14 to 18 November and Sweet Adelines International will meet to compete in Denver 29 October to 3 November.

### **Saskatchewan Youth Harmony Festival**

Talk about ringing chords! That's what the 100+ barbershop fans were saying after the Saskatchewan contingent of the Canada West Chorus performed on June 2nd in Regina.

The performance represented the culmination of the first ever Youth Harmony Festival in Saskatchewan, organized and sponsored by Regina's Harmony 2 go Youth Barbershop Chorus. The festival, designed to introduce Barbershop singing to local youth, drew participants from as far away as Saskatoon, about 300 KM north. It also served as a prep for the upcoming youth BHS competition in Orlando next January.

### **Harmony Fellows Program**

At the International Convention in Portland OR, 17 (12- ONT; 2-PIO; 2- EVG; 1-LOL) Canadians were inducted to the Harmony Fellow Class of 1961, which included SCH Board Member Doran McTaggart. On hand to personally congratulate those present was SCH Chair Digger MacDougall. The presentation sponsored by Harmony Foundation recommends that the 50 year Members of the BHS donate the equivalent of their Society membership dues, which they are no longer required to pay, to the official charities of the BHS. As a monthly Ambassador of Song contribution the gift would be tax deductible. As many of the 2000 Barbershoppers who do this have said: "Does this make sense? Or what?"

CANADIAN HARMONY FELLOWS ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR "NEW FOUND GAINS TO Sing Canada Harmony. Just \$10 monthly from your Credit Card can make you an Ambassador of Song !!! Please reflect on the impact you can make on vocal Music in your community and across Canada.

**Sing Canada Harmony extends hearty congratulations to the following:** Rubin Batke, Lorne Brubacher, Tom Burns, Wally Coe, Bruce Dibble, Ronald Fallis, David Forrester, Arthur French, Ron Fuhr, Macklin "Mac" Gordon, Bev Grahlman, Gary Haycock, Maurice Jones, Grant Lawson, Doran McTaggart, Erle Thornton and Ron Wilson. **Thank you all for your contributions to Barbershop and singing in Canada. WELL DONE !!**

### **Sing Canada Chapter Liaisons**

Official Chapter LO badges are available. Chapter Presidents are requested to appoint these Chapter Officers and advise Sing Canada at [info@SingCanadaHarmony.ca](mailto:info@SingCanadaHarmony.ca) of the name and address of those named. Badges will be mailed for presentation on receipt of the information and the Chapter Liaison Kit will be forwarded by email. A special gathering of Chapter Liaisons is being planned for the 2013 BHS International Convention in Toronto.

### **Seneca Land District "Smoke Signals"**

To explain why the Barbershop Harmony Society has two official charities, an article will be published in the SLD "Smoke Signals". The aim is to help our American brothers and sisters in Harmony to understand the rationale on why SCH was established and how it is the only charity in Canada that benefits Barbershoppers and supports vocal music in Canadian schools and communities. The two main reasons of course are related to comparative treatment of income tax and the fact that no other charity in Canada benefits Barbershoppers and supports vocal music in Canadian schools and communities. NONE !!!

### **Sing Canada Harmony Congratulates Marty Monson, CEO Barbershop Harmony Society**

Sing Canada Chair Digger MacDougall and all Board Members congratulated Marty Monson on his election and appointment to the CEO position in July. Marty delivered an impressive keynote address at Harmony University. Sing Canada Harmony Chair and the new CEO will meet in the future to discuss how they can serve each other to ensure a future for the Barbershop Art Form and the joy it brings to so many men, women, youth and audiences everywhere. Marty already knew that Sing Canada was the only official charity of the Society in Canada.

### **Next Scholarship Application Deadline is September 1, 2012**

Men and Women Barbershoppers are eligible to apply for scholarships to attend BHS Leadership Academies and training workshops and seminars sponsored by HI and SAI

### **Paul Tamblyn Praised at Harmony University**

In no fewer than three major classes the leadership training modules designed by Paul Tamblyn and his legacy to Canadian Barbershoppers were brought to the attention of American and Canadian men and women Barbershoppers, music educators and other participants through comments that praised Paul as a leader, a learning facilitator, teacher, coach and supporter of Sing Canada Harmony. The Paul Tamblyn

Scholarship for Leadership Studies at Harmony University was the first major legacy of a Canadian Barbershopper to perpetuate the Barbershop Harmony Art Form and Choral Leadership. Few Barbershop Leaders were held in so high regard by his colleagues as Paul. Sing Canada Harmony is proud to offer Paul Tamblyn Scholarships for Leadership In Choral Directing at Directors College annually. Applications can be found at [SingCanadaHarmony.ca](http://SingCanadaHarmony.ca)

## **THANK YOU - MICROSOFT CORPORATION**

Sing Canada Harmony extends appreciation and gratitude for in-kind gifts of software valued at over \$11,000.00 The gifts of the MICROSOFT CORPORATION are acknowledged by the only charity in Canada that supports our three singing organizations (BHS, HI, and SAI), the training they conduct and vocal music, particularly Barbershop Harmony throughout the communities and schools of Canada. **THANK YOU Microsoft !!!**

At the plenary session, Gary Benner and Digger MacDougall were caught in this photo by Gordon Billows. Gordon and Gary were two of the 30+ Canadians at Harmony University



Classes interfered with getting everyone together for the photo opp. Here are the proud recipients of Sing Canada Harmony Scholarships with Sing Canada Board Member Gordon Billows (LOL District)



## **Together we can change lives**

We can inspire interest in young singers. We can turn interest into skill, skill into aspiration, aspiration into achievement. What will your gift to Sing Canada programs mean? Your gift will provide:

**Music.**

You can help supply licensed barbershop music free to school music programs.

**Exposure.**

You can support barbershop harmony singing demonstrations in schools and across your community. You can recommend youth, children, music educators, Barbershoppers and other singers for Sing Canada Scholarships and ensure Canadian Barbershop leaders get the training they need to direct choruses and lead chapters

**Excitement.**

You can help underwrite Youth Harmony Workshops (one-day festivals) and Harmony Explosion Camps (multi-day events), bringing students and educators together to meet new friends, hear demonstrations, and learn to produce thrilling harmonies.

**Development.**

You can help turn raw talent and enthusiasm into competition-ready skill and lifelong enjoyment for young people. Youth chorus competitions, collegiate quarter contests, and Director's College training for chorus directors are just some of the ways your gifts can support tomorrow's barbershoppers.

**Donors to Ambassadors of Song** can arrange for automatic monthly deductions at any level, starting at just \$10 per month. It's easy to begin investing in the future of barbershop—and surprisingly rewarding. It has never been so easy to bring so much joy into the lives of young Canadians. Visit [SingCanadaHarmony.ca/donate.html](http://SingCanadaHarmony.ca/donate.html) to become an Ambassador of Song and help change lives through singing today.

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