



Beside the Sing Canada logo Megacity Chorus with young men and women of Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute share the stage as Peggy Silver Directs

Blue skies and best wishes to you and all with whom you sing

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**SCHOLARSHIP 2009
RECIPIENTS:**

June Dale (SAI)Sir Oliver Mowat C.I. Jazz and Contemp. Choirs (20 Members)Sir Oliver Mowat C.I. Junior & Senior Choirs (40 Members)Devon Frost (Young Singers Toronto)Laurie Hamilton (Canterbury High School Ottawa)Rita Lalumiere (HI)Marian Bennett(HI) Joan Sherk (HI) Judi Johnston (HI)Anne Ewashchuk (HI)Margaret Hewgill (HI)Audrey Boros (HI)Charlann Lamb (HI)Heather Gardner (HI) Six Members Chapter Leadership (Quinte Regional)
Wally Uhrynuk
John Crowe
Pete Thompson
Ted Ellis
Mike Hall
Gene Cummings
Rick Casson
Bernie Lynch (Director)Andrew Bailey (University Music Student)Haley Midgette(University Music Student)Chorus Niagara

Hi there!

A donor said: "Sing Canada Harmony is doing more for Barbershop's present and future in Canada than anything I have ever seen. Sing Canada is AWESOME!"

THANK YOU BARBERSHOPPERS AND OTHER DONORS TO SING CANADA

Through the generosity of Barbershoppers, other singers, their families, friends and fans scholarships for 2009 were awarded to 110 deserving Canadians including men and women Barbershoppers, university and high school students, members of community and school vocal ensembles, choir leaders and chorus directors, chapter officers, and private applicants. As one woman Barbershopper said: Thank you all for "making it happen" to ensure a future for Barbershop Harmony and the three great singing organizations that preserve and encourage this art form. IT LOOKS LIKE \$35,000 WILL BE AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2010 ACROSS CANADA INCLUDING 15 SCOLARSHIPS TO HARMONY UNIVERSITY

WHAT YOU AND EVERY CANADIAN BARBERSHOPPER AND SINGER CAN DO NOW

Every Barbershopper can help young people... **Sing...for life.** For example: A donation of \$150 helps send one child or youth to a Harmony Explosion Camp. A gift of \$100 could help defray the expenses of a clinician who conducts high school Barbershop Harmony demonstrations. A gift of \$50 could help provide music for a high school Barber Shop Quartet contest. A gift of \$20 could buy an MP3 player for a young choir/chorus member to learn music. Gifts of any amount will help. These gifts of support will help introduce Canadian children, youth and young men and women to Barbershop Harmony. With continued support, much more can be done. [Click here to donate now](#)

Children's Choir (24 Members) James Essex-McIntyre (Chapter Officer Cornwall) **Ed Arnold Memorial Scholarship (2009)** Airborne (Quartet of Toronto Chapter) **GOLDEN HORSESHOE CHORUS**

Mac Gordon, President's Council member and Sing Canada Harmony Chorus Chair of the Golden Horseshoe Chorus (a large independent Barbershop Chorus in Ontario) reports: We are singing and giving to support an annual scholarship through Sing Canada Harmony. The Golden Horseshoe Chorus has also dedicated the weekly 50/50 draw to support Sing Canada Harmony. Mac will be celebrating his 91st birthday on June 2, 2010.

All Board Members of Sing Canada Harmony wish Mac a very happy birthday.

University-bound Edmonton Scholarship Recipient Jonathan

Kawchuk said: Our choir is very small and does not issue a newsletter. I am happy to write an article though to show my thanks for the scholarship I have been awarded. "The Sing Canada Harmony scholarship has greatly helped me financially. I now can go to college for voice and worry less about debt and more about singing! With this scholarship I can continue formal training in singing, and grow as a musician. It will help me get the instruction I need to work in the music industry. I could not be more thankful for the Sing Canada Harmony scholarship."

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Sing Canada Harmony President's Council 2010

The Board of Sing Canada Harmony is proud to announce that the following Canadians have accepted an invitation to join as a member of the President's Council 2010 and help make possible today the vital programs that change young lives through singing. President's Council is the Annual Leadership Giving Program of Sing Canada Harmony and Harmony Foundation.

<u>Counsellor Level</u>	<u>Partner Level</u>
Gerry and Linda Borden	Roger Woodgate and Darlene Weger
Doran McTaggart	Don Craig
Trinda Ernst	Mac Gordon and Jean Bohatkiewicz
Larry and Lise Martens	Lee Sperry
JR Digger and Nancy MacDougall	Randy Peters and Leslie Cooke
Sharon and Barry Towner	Joanne and Lyle Southam
James and Barbara Thexton	Larry and Debbie Matschke
Murray and Mary Phillips	Ted and Joyce Devonshire
John and June Wilkie	Naomi Russell
	Bev and Rob Dunbar
	Doreen Hartley
	Denis Laflamme and Aileen Carney

Youth Outreach - It's All about the Long-Term
By Jonathan Foster

When people think about giving back to the community, often they think of simply writing a cheque or donating to a food bank during the holidays. That's a great start; writing a cheque to your favourite charity like Sing Canada Harmony is a good thing and you should keep on doing it. Charity food drives are also good and the food banks do need your donations. However, giving back to the community is not just a once or twice a year thing. Many people get into the charitable spirit

FIRST "DR PAUL E. TAMBLYN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP" AWARDED

Thanks to the generosity of the late Paul Tamblyn and donors from Ontario and across Canada, a scholarship for Music Education at Harmony University and Directors College has been established through the Sing Canada Harmony endowment trust. Doreen Tamblyn (Hartley) presented the first of these annual awards for full tuition to Harmony College / Directors College to Betty Jean "BJ" Vermue. "BJ" directs the Thousand Islander Chorus (Harmony, Inc.) in Brockville Ontario and has been a long time friend of the Tamblyn family. It was very fitting that a chorus director who held Paul in such high esteem should be the first recipient of the memorial scholarship in Paul's name. The decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee to award "a" scholarship had already been announced to B.J. but she was very surprised to learn that she was the very first recipient of this prestigious award. Having it presented by Doreen before a packed audience and a stage full of performers was a highlight of the evening for B.J. and it was a thrill for Doreen.

Pictured below is a photo of Paul doing what he loved – directing a Barbershop Chorus reinforced by TWO high school choirs and a photo of the award that accompanied the Scholarship cheque to BJ Vermue.

when they see others doing the same. It is human nature to want to pitch in when we see others helping, but that support is needed all year round. Food banks need to be able to provide food to those who need it when they need it, not just during the holidays.

Similarly youth outreach isn't something that should be done only once or twice a year. It needs to be developed and nurtured over the long term. Many of us rallied to support the Cross Canada Youth Chorus when they needed assistance to participate in the International Youth Chorus Festival at Midwinter Convention. Experiences like those will go a long way towards ensuring the future of singing. I certainly encourage all chapters to support these types of efforts and hope that we will show the O YA Chorus (Ontario Youth A cappella Chorus) the same level of support when they head down to Las Vegas next January. That being said, to achieve the greatest impact on the lives of young singers today, we need to ensure that music is introduced into their lives in the first place. We need to ensure that it is supported in our schools, since music educators are the ones who can show these young people the joy of singing on a daily basis. Six years ago the MegaCity Chorus was approached by Peggy Silver, the music teacher at Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute to assist in their fund raising concert. The funds raised would go to their music program so that their jazz choir could buy uniforms for a competition in New York City. Since that first time we have gone back annually to perform five more times, and have helped the music department to raise funds to buy a variety of things including a full set of risers and badly needed repairs to their stringed instruments. Members of the school's choirs have been taught the barbershop style of singing and have performed at school concerts. They have also participated in quartet contests in the Ontario District, at Internationals and in Harmony Inc. This year in addition to performing in their annual concert we have included the school's concert choir in our June 5th show at the Jane Mallett theatre. (For details please see our ad in the Trillium or visit our website www.megacitychorus.com) These experiences are not intended to generate new members to the Greater Toronto Chapter. These students have far too much on their plates to take on being chapter members. The intent is to introduce barbershop to them now so that when they have finished their schooling they might join



Belleville and Quinte West

Steve Hall, Chapter Sing Canada Chair for Quinte Regional Chapter reports: The Choral Festival that Dave Reed initiated here, (originally scheduled for February) ran very successfully this week. Both Dr. Jeff Taylor (Ontario District V Pres. Youth in Harmony) and Dr. Mark Sirrett of Queen's University made a hit with the students. The performance in the evening certainly showed the results of the day's coaching. There was a good sized and very appreciative audience and we performed the evening program with the local Quinte Sweet Adelines, The Belleville Choral Society, and The Hastings and Prince Edward Children's Choir, and of course The Trentones. Sing Canada Harmony was recognized several times over the course of the evening for its part in sponsoring the event. We provided T-shirts for all the students who really looked great on stage! We were very proud of them and what they accomplished in just one day. We need more Barbershoppers working with

a chapter because they loved singing when they were younger. Sometimes the enthusiasm of the youth will rub off on their parents. While we have not added new members from the student body of Sir Oliver Mowat, we did manage to have one of the parents who was also a teacher join us. Ultimately, youth outreach efforts need to happen on a consistent, ongoing basis. As barbershoppers, we have already felt the sense of pride in mastering a new piece of music. We've experienced the thrill of performing onstage to an appreciative audience, and we've enjoyed the camaraderie of being in a barbershop chapter. Ongoing youth outreach efforts are necessary to transfer the love of our hobby to the next and subsequent generations.

MAKE A "BARBERSHOP" INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF CANADA

Your gift to the Sing Canada Harmony is truly an investment that helps to ensure that there will be "someone to sing tomorrow". Your gift involves you in the future of Barbershop Singing across Canada. By supporting Sing Canada Harmony you will have an impact on the development of children and youth in the schools and communities of every province and territory of Canada. [Click here to donate now](#)

INVITATION TO CANADIAN YOUTH

Harmony Explosion (HX) Camp! An "Extremely" Fun Time for Young Men and Women!

By Debbie Borsari, Coordinator of HX Camp for Young Women

(Ed: If you believe that Canadian youth are the future of both Barbershop and Canada, you might want to read what some enthusiastic Barbershoppers are doing for youth. Sing Canada Harmony spoke with Debbie Borsari to ensure that Canadian young women and Canadian young men, who applied for this Harmony Explosion Camp, knew of availability of scholarships to assist them in this top notch learning experience. If you are aware of any young men or young women singers in the area of Eastern Ontario to Nova Scotia, you might want to read this article and have them apply to attend this Harmony Explosion Camp. The camp welcomes any young singers regardless of singing organization affiliation or sponsorship. Thanks for the article Debbie)

From August 12 through the 15th, young women and men from all over New England (Ed: hopefully [Eastern](#)

youth and children's choirs all across Canada and we need more support like Sing Canada can provide.

The word is out and I am anticipating that the Quinte area men and women Barbershoppers will see a bigger and better Harmony Explosion event. Many thanks to all at Sing Canada Harmony for your encouragement and financial support. More high school students in our area are singing and singing better because of Sing Canada. It will not be long before these students are showing up on the doorsteps of Barbershop Choruses across Canada – Who could blame them –
BARBERSHOP HARMONY IS GREAT !!!

James Essex-McIntyre:
Assistant director of C-way
Sound Chorus in Cornwall, Ont
and Chapter Sing Canada
Harmony Chair writes:

“Friday May 21, *Acapellics Anonymous* presented 20 new Young Women in Harmony songbooks to the vocal Music class at St. Lawrence Intermediate School Cornwall. We were able to get these song books as a Scholarship grant through the generosity of Sing Canada Harmony. Pictured below are Doug Hill (blue shirt), Rob Lemire (yellow shirt) and James Essex-McIntyre (red shirt), half the vocal music students, and at back far right, almost out of sight and looking young enough to be one of the students, is Ivy Watson who is the teacher of the class while regular teacher Erin Durham is away on maternity leave. Not pictured is Mike Pearson, fourth member of the quartet who was called away at the last minute.

The students were thrilled when we showed up with the music and excitedly looked through the pages of the songbooks eagerly to see

Canada) and beyond will be filling the halls of Worcester State College with ringing barbershop chords, laughter, friendship, and fun. Open to all high-school aged singers (those about to enter high school to those who have just graduated), HX Camp provides top-notch vocal coaching and choral instruction in one dynamic weekend!

Approximately eighty young women and 80 young men will assemble to learn and perform a variety of a cappella vocal music, both barbershop harmony and traditional TTBB or SSAA literature, all under the direction of our outstanding guest conductors and clinicians. Quartet coaching and vocal workshops will be available to the young singers, as well as tag singing throughout the weekend. The participants will have the opportunity to share the stage with international champion quartets

Showcase (2009 Harmony Inc International Quartet Champions) and Men In Black (2005 Barbershop Harmony Society International Collegiate Quartet Champions) for the final concert.

Every singer attends on 100% scholarship, sponsored by chapters of the Barbershop Harmony Society and Harmony, Inc (Ed: and hopefully Chapters of SAI). HX Camp also has a special program for vocal teachers, (Music Educators) and collegiate MENC members. They will have the opportunity to observe rehearsals, attend special workshop sessions led by our guest clinicians, and sing in the educators' chorus. This year, Dr. Bill Adams will be the educators' clinician. He'll conduct a vocal health seminar and lead special workshop/discussion sessions throughout the weekend, as well as direct the educators' chorus. This is a fantastic summer professional development opportunity! Online registration is now open at <http://harmonize.com/neyih/hxcamp.htm>. The FAQ page on the website contains valuable information about the camp. We would love to see students from all over the northeast, **including Canada**, participate in this camp!

Who do you know who would enjoy being a part of this very fun weekend full of song? In addition to young singers, **we are in need of volunteers, chaperones, and funding.** We are looking for chaperones and volunteers and need people like you who are willing to donate your time and talents to promote youth in barbershop. We are also in need of more funding, and are welcoming any donations you can give in whatever amount you can afford.

Here are ways you can help:

- 1. Make a personal donation to help sponsor a student to camp,
- 2. Spearhead a raffle basket, 50/50 raffle, donation bucket, special event to raise money specifically for the camp.
- 3. Ask businesses from your community, especially those that deal with the youth, if they would like to

what they might like to start first. What a pleasure it was to see the students all abuzz. Thanks Sing Canada for making this possible!! We will check in from time to time to see how they are doing and what we can do to help.

James and his quartet, *Acapellics Anonymous*, know how important it is to help school and community choirs enjoy Barbershop Harmony and spread the thrill of singing Barbershop to young women and men. Thank you James and *Acapellics Anonymous*



Please visit our website and work with us to support vocal music in the communities and schools of Canada.

make a donation to help promote music for high school students.

- 4. Earmark HX Camp as your chapter charity (Ed: In Canada do this through Sing Canada Harmony). Use your imagination! There are many people out there who want to help out the young people in their communities!

(Ed: In Canada just visit

<http://singcanadaharmony.ca/donations.html> to donate on line and stipulate a donation to help CANADIAN YOUTH) Any and all help is appreciated. These young women and men are talented, respectful, kind, and fun, and you will have a wonderful time with them. This year, let's fill this camp with 160 enthusiastic young singers who may become members of your chapter someday!! If you'd like to contact me directly with questions about the camp, to make a donation, or to volunteer your help, you can reach me at bbshoparmwaver@gmail.com or 1-603-234-0013. If you are unable to volunteer your time, and are free Saturday night, August 14th, come to Worcester, MA for a fantastic show!!

Harmony Explosion Camp Northeast
Thursday-Sunday, August 12-15, 2010
Worcester State College
486 Chandler Street
Worcester, MA 01602

Ed note: WOW!!! –As a Canadian, kinda makes you wish you were 15 again and had the financial support of Sing Canada Harmony through the generosity of a Barbershop Chapter, Chorus, Quartet or individual Member or just someone who knows the value of vocal music to men and women, girls and boys of all ages. If you are close enough to the site of this HX Camp to take advantage of the fabulous program it's recommended you act now. On the other hand, if this article has inspired some thought about what we men and women Barbershoppers in Canada should be doing – Let's talk about it because we want to help "Build a better Canada through singing" Please contact me at SINGCANADA@sympatico.ca Digger)

AND ONE LAST THOUGHT ON THIS SUBJECT...and this may come as a surprise to some of our readers: It is a wholesome value to support the organization of which you are a member, support its training programs or other programs that improve who you are and what you do. It is not wrong to advocate growth and success. Every not-for-profit and charity does it. Sing Canada Harmony wants to help you, your Risermates, your directors and conductors, and anyone in Canada who sings or wants to sing. To do this Sing Canada needs your support.

