



As we come to the end of another successful year, we want to thank you and those who have contributed to our success as a registered Canadian charity. As most of you know, we are entering the fifth year of service to you, your riser mates, and the youth and children of Canada. We want you to know just how important you are, not only as part of the Barbershop Harmony and singers of Canada mosaic, but as a believer in the power music and what it can do for men, women, youth and children. We appreciate you and thank you for what you are doing and continue to do as a Barbershopper or other singer, a supporter and as friend of Sing Canada Harmony.

We will use future newsletters to present news, information and opinions from, and about, Canadian Barbershoppers and what they are doing their communities later in the year and in the new year.

One of the things that you should know about immediately is the next deadline for scholarship submission is on December 1. (To apply for a scholarship click here: [SingCanadaHarmony.ca/scholarship.html](http://SingCanadaHarmony.ca/scholarship.html) ) This and the other deadlines are established so that Scholarship Selection Committee [which is comprised of representatives from Harmony, Inc, Sweet Adelines International and the Barbershop Harmony Society] can process the applications in time for awards of financial support to be made for training in the early part of 2013.

In February of this year David McConkey outlined "Charitable donations: Top 10 Canadian tax tips" to remind you about the tax benefits of giving. He iterated that contributions made to registered charities result in a credit not a deduction. He reminded us to keep receipts. **He suggested that Canadians take advantage of the two-tiered credit system: by combining donations within a family or doubling up every 2<sup>nd</sup> year so that you benefit from donations over \$200 in a given year which results in a saving of about 45%.** In addition to combining spouses for charitable tax reporting you can carry forward for up to 5 years. Don't forget the multiple effect that donations at work have for you, your employer and sing Canada harmony scholarship fund. Remember that stocks may be donated as can in-kind donations.

Many financial counsellors and tax experts recommend donating online as

an easy way to look after your financial affairs. **You and Sing Canada Harmony can benefit** from a new plan that has been devised by Visa and CanadaHelps and you can access this highly beneficial portal through the Sing Canada harmony website [SingCanadaHarmony.ca/donate.html](http://SingCanadaHarmony.ca/donate.html) and follow the process outlined in the paragraph Donate Now.

### **Maximize your giving this holiday season with Visa and CanadaHelps**

With the holiday season fast-approaching, Sing Canada Harmony and CanadaHelps are teaming up with Visa to help Canadians beat the holiday shopping rush - and maximize their donations! Starting November 1, 2012, Visa will contribute a one-time gift of \$10 when donors set up a new monthly donation on CanadaHelps.

Here's how it works:

1. Set up a new recurring monthly donation to Sing Canada Harmony through CanadaHelps by connecting through the Sing Canada Harmony website. Click on "Donate" then "Donate On Line"
2. Check out with Visa
3. Visa will add a one-time \$10 gift to your donation
4. Sing Canada will acknowledge and thank you for your gift
5. CanadaHelps will send you your income tax receipt
6. For as little as \$10 per month you will be an AMBASSADOR OF SONG
7. ....or for \$85 monthly a member of President's Council.

We recommend strongly that you take advantage of this one-time offer from Visa:

Do it now !!! DONATE AT [SingCanadaHarmony.ca](http://SingCanadaHarmony.ca)

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships may be applied for at any time during the year but they have to be submitted in time for consideration by the Selection and Awards Committee. Deadlines have therefore been established quarterly on 1 December, 1 March, 1 June, and 1 September.

Three Paul Tamblyn Scholarships for Leadership in Choral Directing will be awarded in 2013 for attendance at Harmony University. Please see the Sing Canada Harmony website for details.

### **Chapter Liaison**

The Sing Canada Harmony Chapter Liaison is an integral part of the leadership team of every chorus or Chapter. Usually, but not necessarily, a Barbershopper, he or she is the person who endorses and recommends scholarship applications from within the Chapter or the community at large. This is the first step in the approval process. It is he or she who ensures that communications from Sing Canada Harmony are received by all chapter members and in turn represents all chapter members to Sing Canada Harmony. Know who your Chapter/Chorus/Choir Liaison is and ensure they keep you and your risermates informed

## 2012 The Year of Canadian Champions

- **A Cappella Showcase** - Harmony, Inc. International Champions
- **North Metro Chorus** - Sweet Adelines International - International Champions
- **West Coast Harmony** - Harmony Classic in the AA division (small choruses) of Sweet Adelines International.

Congratulations to our sisters in harmony in both Harmony, Inc., and Sweet Adelines International. Sing Canada Harmony is proud of your achievement at your respective international conventions and contests.

### **CBC's Stuart McLean and Harmony, Inc.'s Carolyn Pellow awarded top Community Leadership Award by Sing Canada Harmony**

And speaking of champions..... November saw two outstanding leaders and proponents of vocal music: Stuart McLean of CBC radio's Vinyl Café and Carolyn Pellow, an executive team member of Harmony, Incorporated received the Sing Canada Harmony Community Leadership Award for outstanding and lasting contributions and leadership to vocal music in Canada. Sing Canada Harmony and all our supporters extend heartiest congratulations to both Stuart McLean and Carolyn Pellow.

### **Land O' Lakes District (LOL) pulls out all stops to support Sing Canada Harmony**

Congratulations to the Canadian Chapters of LOL for their outstanding contributions to Sing Canada Harmony during the annual parade of checks at their fall convention. Sing Canada Harmony is proud to be working with the leaders and Chapters of Land O' Lakes District.



### **Barbershop at the Manitoba Music Educators Conference**

(Gordon Billows – VP Northern Plains Division LOL)

The 2012 Manitoba Music Educators Conference was held at the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate, Winnipeg, on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. This was the very first time that the Manitoba Conference offered a session on Barbershop harmony. Two Winnipeg area quartets, N'Style (Sweet Adelines Int.) and All 4 One (Barbershop Harmony Society), were involved in the organization of the Barbershop presentation and the conference's HARMONY booth. The

quartets interacted with the Educators and other booth exhibitors throughout the day entertaining, establishing many good contacts and providing Barbershop information. At the HARMONY booth, the Music Educators received SAI and BHS brochures and Educator Packets, Youth in Harmony materials and Sing Canada Harmony scholarship information for a cappella groups. The Educators also were given an opportunity to sign up for in-school BBS presentations.

The highlight of the convention was the performance of two Barbershop songs (Swing Down Chariot and Lean On Me) by the Winnipeg Youth Chorus. The Chorus, directed by Garth and Lisa Rempel, has about 50 male and female singers, ranging in age from 10 to 18 years. They learned the two songs in 5 rehearsals and were near performance ready that Friday morning when clinician Mark McLaurin from Grand Forks, North Dakota arrived to prepare them for the main presentation. In the collegiate theatre, Mark explained the basic characteristics of Barbershop harmony to the Music Educators and then held a mini-coaching session on the two songs. Both numbers were sung well but Mark continued to work with the Chorus to improve the over-all sound. The students responded to the instruction and demonstrated how Barbershoppers "ring the chords". The Educators appeared to be very impressed with the Barbershop presentation and with the coaching techniques that resulted in a very noticeable, better chorus sound. The Educators also got to participate in the presentation – they were taught a tag.

The Barbershop session ended with a "clincher" that resulted in exceptional interest in our HARMONY booth materials. The winning performance by the 2010 International Chorus Champions - Westminster Chorus was shown on the big overhead screen. You can just imagine the reaction!

Thank you Manitoba Music Educators Association, Winnipeg Youth Chorus, clinician Mark McLaurin, Sing Canada Harmony, Sweet Adelines International, Barbershop Harmony Society, local chapters and the two quartets for promoting Barbershopping in Manitoba and for "Keeping a Melody Ringing".

### **Get your name on the list**

There is no question that 2013 will be a great year for Canadian Barbershoppers. The international convention of the Barbershop Harmony Society will be held in Toronto Ontario during the first week of July, 2013. Opportunities for Canadian men and women Barbershoppers will abound and Canadians from coast to coast will have an opportunity to show Barbershoppers from around the world how much they love barbershop and how committed they are to promoting singing across Canada. Giant display boards strategically placed near the registration desk and Harmony Foundation and Sing Canada booths will display the names of supporters of Sing Canada Harmony and Harmony Foundation under several categories.

- Ambassadors of Song
- President's Council
- Founder's Club

For as little as \$10 a month, you can get your name on one of the lists and join hundreds of Americans and Canadians who are showing their love of Barbershop Harmony. Not only will you be supporting Barbershop Harmony, the comprehensive training that our three singing organization's conduct, and the three singing organizations themselves, but also, the youth and children of the communities and choirs of Canada. The message here is plain and simple: Get your name on a list. Just go to the Sing Canada website and initiate the process to make a monthly donation. ....And if you do it using your Visa card, Sing Canada Harmony will benefit from an additional \$10 donation from visa

### **Digger Recognized by Royal Authority**

*(The following is a reprint of an article appearing in other publications)*

In a private presentation in Rockland, Ontario, J. R. Digger MacDougall was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal as a Royal thank you **"for your dedicated service to your peers, to your community and to Canada. The contributions you have made to our nation are most commendable and deserve our praise and admiration"**, said the Governor General of Canada, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston.

Digger was recommended for the honour by a committee of volunteers who were tasked to select deserving recipients for the award. At the time of the nomination Digger was serving, or had served (since a teenager), on the leadership teams of numerous community, provincial, national and international volunteer organizations. His Chairmanship of the Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund and service as a Barbershop Harmony Society and Ontario District leader were key elements in the recognition he received. Governor General David Johnston added his own congratulations to the "...heartfelt congratulations of your fellow Canadians".

Along with the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) **"For Meritorious Service to Canada"** awarded three times during his 33 year military career, Digger will wear the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal with the other three medals (including two for international peacekeeping).

As President of the 2400+ member Ottawa Branch of the Royal Military College Club of Canada and as a 12 year Volunteer Interpreter and Living History Interviewer at the Canadian War Museum, Digger wears these medals two or more times per week in official volunteer duties and at formal functions. Men and women Barbershoppers might be interested to know that Digger wears the large "I SING" badge on his right lapel opposite his now five medals and decorations on his left.

CONGRATULATIONS Digger MacDougall!!

### **IN MEMORIUM: KEEP A MELODY RINGING**

**Memorial tributes and gifts and have been received in the names of the following who will be remembered for all time on the**

**Keep A Melody Ringing plaque in  
Barbershop Headquarters, Nashville, TN – Music City  
2012**

**Terry Reagh  
Bob Thomas**

**Peter J. Thompson  
Paul Eberwein  
Jeep Enns  
Pat Roberts  
Donald Duncan  
Norm Shelswell**

**IN MEMORIUM:** Memorial tributes have been received during 2012 to honour the following:

Beatrice Conley	Howard Ness
David May	Francis Baker
John Houseman	Jack Carroll
Gavin McCallum	Harvey Jackson
Margaret Heath	Bill Kearney
Arnold Gaudet	Ed Ryan
Terry Carmichael	Jeff Dolan
Alma Schaber	Bryan Green
Dave Yates	Barbara Haesen
Elma Gough	Edith Arnold
	Ed Arnold

The Christmas and Holiday Seasons will soon be here. In the spirit of the season we are asking all Barbershoppers and all other singers to remember the Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship Fund as you close the year and prepare for 2013.

The holiday season is the perfect time to show those around you how much you care. For those who are hard to buy for, consider making a donation to Sing Canada Harmony in honor of them or in memory of someone special as a gift this season. For living and Memorial tributes sing Canada harmony will ensure that for living tributes, the individual or individuals who you are honouring, or for Memorial tributes, the family, receive a special Christmas letter acknowledging your tribute with a special holiday wish.

To all Barbershoppers and singers around the globe we send best regards to you and all with whom you sing.