



From the all-volunteer Board of Directors of Sing Canada Harmony:
Best wishes to you and your families for a Joyous Holiday Season.
May the coming New Year unfold a time of health, peace and enjoyment
of life for us all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

J.R. Digger MacDougall, Chair & CEO

A Wonderful Gift for All Barbershoppers and Canadian Singers

If you have a Christmas tree adorning your home area, imagine finding a gift package under it from all the men and women Barbershoppers, across Canada. It would be the gift of friendship wrapped in song. What makes this gift unique is that it is from men and women who share your values; who share a time in history with you and who, like you, are sharing your singing talent with Canadians of all ages. It is a gift that will endure for all time (and then some!). A duplicate of that gift is held at SING CANADA HARMONY which, on receipt of your instructions, will be shared with Canadian youth and children, other Barbershoppers and singers of CANADA. We would like to send that gift, the gift of friendship and song, from you to Canadians who will be grateful for your support so that they can participate in training, education and instruction in vocal music or vocal music leadership "TO ENSURE SOMEONE WILL SING TOMORROW".

At this time of giving, joy, singing and harmonizing, let our voices ring across Canada. Join with SING CANADA HARMONY in the mosaic of Canadian men and women who are striving to "Keep the whole world singing". Let Sing Canada Harmony help you share your gifts.

Send a gift to Sing Canada Harmony TODAY:

- To help children and youth in your own community and those in every province and territory;
- To ensure that "Cross Canada Youth" will join us in song;
- To become a Sing Canada Harmony Ambassador of Song (see www.SingCanadaHarmony.ca);
- To join a growing group of leaders in the PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL of Sing Canada Harmony (see www.SingCanadaHarmony.ca).



ACT NOW so that Canadians of all ages will enjoy the benefits of song and "the sweet sounds of Barbershop Harmony".

Thanks in advance for caring about Canadian children and youth, Canadian communities and schools, Barbershop, the singing organization of which you are a member and helping to change lives through singing.

USE THE FORM BELOW or EITHER OF THESE TWO LINKS NOW:

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www.canadahelps.org (Under "Search For a Charity" enter Sing Canada Harmony")

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The Source of Sing Canada Funds and who gave in 2009

Sing Canada Harmony funds come from men and women Barbershoppers, their families, friends and fans and from other men and women in Canada and abroad who value the importance of vocal music and want to spread the gift of song. Annual, periodic and individual gifts are the principal sources of funds. Donations made in any given year are used to support vocal music across Canada in the following year. Also, there is a small and growing endowment fund that

currently generates approximately \$1000 per year. We thank all our individual and organizational donors for their gifts “to ensure someone will sing tomorrow”.

For their generosity in 2009, the future of singing, for our youth and children, and Barbershop across Canada, Sing Canada Harmony extends sincere thanks to these men, women and organizations:

- Sing Canada Harmony President's Council
 - Borden, Gerry and Linda
 - Craig, Don
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 - Woodgate, Roger
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 - MacDougall, J.R. Digger and Nancy
 - Martens, Larry and Lise
- Sing Canada Harmony Ambassadors of Song
 - Please see website for complete list
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 - Len Boone
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 - Roy Keys
 - Linda Labine
 - Leslie Locke
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 - Susan Cooper
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 - Pat and Lee Normally
 - Wanda Olsen
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 - JJ Picolotto

- Lynn Randall
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 - John and June Wilkie
- In memoriam donors who honoured the memories of family and friends
 - Donors to special projects like the CROSS CANADA CHORUS
 - Donors from special events like Golf Tournaments and Fundraising Performances
 - Sing Canada Scholarship Recipients who are now donors
 - Donors who donated through “Canada Helps”
 - These BHS, HI, SAI and independent Chapters and Choruses across the land have made an investment in Barbershop singing, education and the youth and children of Canada:
 - A Cappella Showcase HI
 - Baytones HI
 - Brockville BHS
 - Calgary Foothills BHS
 - Evergreen District DMT and Board of Directors
 - Greater Toronto BHS
 - Hamilton BHS
 - Lake Country Harmony HI
 - Newmarket BHS
 - Ontario Heartland SAI
 - Ottawa BHS
 - Overtones, Inc HI
 - Overtones, Inc Show Committee HI
 - Owen Sound BHS
 - Peterborough HI
 - Quinte Regional BHS
 - Red Deer BHS
 - Scarborough Management Team SAI
 - Suburbanaires
 - Sudbury HI
 - The ScotianAires HI
 - Toronto Accolades HI
 - Toronto's North Metro Chorus SAI
 - West Island SAI
 - Windsor BHS
 - York Highlands SAI
 - Youth Harmony Explosion
 - ...and all the Chapters and Choruses whose Members made personal donations “to ensure someone will sing tomorrow”.

AN ONTARIO BARBERSHOPPER’S GENEROSITY IS ACKNOWLEDGED:
(Sing Canada Harmony acknowledges all gifts including those made on line through Canada Helps. The acknowledgement below is an example.)

Dear Paul,
Thank you for your generous gift.
As soon as anyone donates on line, as you did, my computer goes "beep" and I check to see who, where, why etc. and send an immediate acknowledgement to accompany the tax receipt that the donor obtains from the on-line source. If I'm away from my desk, as I was yesterday celebrating



the 75th birthday of my great friend and quartet tenor Sam Perrin, I miss the opportunity to be fast. Although there's a tiny expense for the online gifts it is well worth the convenience for Sing Canada Harmony. Besides it is great to have the facility available for ANY Canadian (or global citizen) to donate at any time.

Needless to say, Our 10 Volunteer Board Members believe in what Sing Canada Harmony is doing for youth, for children, for men and women barbershoppers and for anyone who sings, wants to sing or has ANYTHING to do with singing. To the credit of every man and woman Barbershopper, they are very passionate about BBS, youth, children, and servant leadership.

What makes it tough is that we are the new charity on the block and there's a tradition of giving elsewhere to charities that have nothing to do with all of: Singing, BBS, and children and youth and our three singing organizations. Everyone who shares leadership in or works for a charity knows as a fact of

life and the not-for-profit world that there are tens of thousands of charities and not-for-profits across the land and that Sing Canada Harmony is just a small piece of the mosaic. People's values and their means to give vary. Most Canadians give to some charity and that in itself is a credit to all Canadians.

Barbershoppers know SING CANADA HARMONY is making an impact. They tell us and share our pride in what we have been able to do in a short time. This year, we put one SAI director and one High School Music Educator into Harmony University. We made it possible for students of modest means to learn and become chorus singers; we supported other scholarships across Canada to assist a chorus's participation in learning at Harmony University; we helped a quartet get coaching to improve their ability to entertain shut-ins and help students learn; we helped numerous men and women chorus/chapter officers receive training to be better organizers, planners, entertainers, coaches, organizational leaders and teachers of vocal music for youth and children.

Barbershoppers are now telling other singers in their communities and Barbershop Chapters and Choruses are reaping the benefits.

Barbershoppers are learning that in Canada there is only one charity that supports BBS, BHS, SAI, HI and anything associated with training , education, learning, instruction, and development in vocal music - whether it's arranging, staging, lighting, conducting, composing, writing or buying music for kids or MP3 players for choruses – whatever...and it's a primary solution for the prevention of the extinction of Barbershop in Canada and possibly the BHS, HI and SAI as we know these great organizations in Canada.

What really matters is that Sing Canada is making a difference.

In addition to memorializing an Ontario District "hero", The Roy Keys Scholarships (YES TWO [Thanks in large part to the SUBURBANAires of southern Ontario] two deserving Canadians will get into music and arranging at HU or a learning institution whether in BBS or not. Our three singing organizations (BHS, HI and SAI) will benefit, regardless of the music background or affiliation of the successful applicant. We already know that as a certainty. From "that benefit" will come a chain reaction of benefits - children and youth will benefit, Barbershoppers will benefit, singers everywhere will benefit - and the biggest benefit of all - CANADA WILL BENEFIT.

As I look across our three Barbershop singing organizations in Canada, I see lots of heroes who will in time be recognized by SING CANADA HARMONY not only through memorial tributes, but through living tributes by their riser mates, their students, their colleagues, their fellow Barbershop Directors and Officers, by their families, friends and fans. We have HEROES we have lots of them. They are the passionate men and women that are volunteering their time and donating resources to further singing, to further Barbershop "TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE" and "TO BUILD A BETTER CANADA THROUGH SINGING".

EVERY BARBERSHOPPER IN CANADA can identify at least a few heroes - men and women who have made a difference in Barbershop, in Singing, in schools and in our communities. Like every "HERO" they see themselves as only doing their job or doing what "seemed like a good idea at the time" or what had to be done. They believe in the POWER OF SONG TO CHANGE LIVES. They are passionate about Barbershop and they give of themselves "beyond the call". They are the men and women who stand with us on our risers, who direct, coach, lead and inspire the rest of us. They are the men and women who make us proud just to be in their company. They are CANADIAN MEN AND WOMEN and they are BARBERSHOPPERS.

You are a hero and I am proud to know you, proud to serve Barbershop and be a Barbershopper.

On behalf of all who are destined to benefit: Thank you for your generous gift to Sing Canada Harmony to ensure that Canadian youth will train for, and be able to attend, the Youth Festival sponsored by the Barbershop Harmony Society. Thank you for your passion for Barbershop Harmony and your commitment to ensure "someone will sing tomorrow".

"A Celebration of Voices" HI Chorus with High School Choir

Theresa Weatherbee, Director of Harmony, Inc. chorus, Valley Voices, and Maggie Helms, Director of the Horton High School Choir lead the two groups at their joint concert. "A Celebration of Voices", held on November 26, 2009. The concert was held to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the chartering of the Kentville chorus as a member of Harmony, Inc. The Kings Chorale also sang in the concert, under the direction of Bill Perrott.

GETTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH SINGING IS A "NO-BRAINER"

SAI Region #26 and Evergreen District are in the vanguard of leading Canadian children and youth into song. **FOR CHILDREN:** Bernie Hops 82 year old President-elect of the Chilliwack Chapter BC and Judy McAlpine SAI Region 26 Officer of Peach Blossom Chorus of Penticton BC and Green Heart Chorus, Abbotsford BC are working with children in local elementary and middle schools.



FOR YOUTH: Concurrently committee members Dave Vincent, Director of the Vancouver "Thunderbird" chorus and interim Chairman of YiH; Barry Birtch, from the Chilliwack Harmony Chorus; Paul Melhus, Bill Martin, Paul Russell of Vancouver and Dave Pinhey of the Langley First Capital Barbershop Chorus have been working with the Vancouver Lower Mainland Youth in Harmony.

The YiH Committee set up a booth and met with vocal music teachers first hand at the BCMEA (BC Music Educators Association) Convention in late October to help them integrate a cappella harmony into classes. In addition to meetings, Dave Vincent

presented a 75 minute workshop on how to introduce a cappella singing in the classroom. Well done EVG Lower Mainland YIH Committee !!!

Anyone who has read the research knows that it is either very difficult or impossible to get children and youth singing if they do not start at an early age. Bernie and Judy are going with the research and ensuring that children get a good foundation in singing earlier in life than later. Bernie and Judy have another motive: They want to get the parents into the men's and women's BBS choruses of the region. They have been so successful in getting children singing that their older pupils that have moved on to middle school have asked for a singing program at their new school. – Imagine that: Children asking for a singing program!!! WOW !! Bernie says that when you get a parent coming up to you after her child has performed a solo in concert with: "I never knew she could sing like that", you have enough encouragement to achieve even more.

Thank you Bernie and Judy for bringing the gift of song to so many children; we are proud of you.



Bernie is not stopping there. He now presents classes at THREE schools and GET THIS: He has been having discussions with the President of a local university which has 11,000 students, of whom 5,000, live in the immediate area of the Chilliwack (BHS) and Abbotsford (SAI) Chapters.

Bernie says: "Helping kids to sing is a 'no-brainer'. They listen! They learn fast! They want to learn! Why aren't we doing this in every single community in Canada?...and WHY is every man and woman Barbershopper in Canada not supporting Sing Canada Harmony – That's a no-brainer too!!!" Sing Canada Harmony agrees. If you can't do what

Bernie, Judy and the EVG YIH Committee are doing then

just give the "gift of song". In fact every man and woman Barbershopper should give the "GIFT OF SONG" for Christmas – Simply log on to www.SingCanadaHarmony.ca and follow the instructions "To Donate"

Congratulations to our Barbershop Colleagues in EVERGREEN DISTRICT (BHS) LOWER MAINLAND AND REGION 26 (SAI) and continued good fortune in your quest to "Get the Whole World Singing".

Vancouver Lower Mainland Youth In Harmony Committee

Pictured here at the wrap-up of their October meeting in Surrey, BC, are the members of the Vancouver Lower Mainland Youth In Harmony Committee.

These dedicated and hard-working gentlemen are from L to R; Dave Vincent, Director of the Vancouver "Thunderbird" chorus and interim Chairman of YiH; Barry Birtch, from the Chilliwack Harmony Chorus; Paul Melhus, also from Vancouver; and Dave Pinhey of the Langley First Capital Barbershop Chorus, Committee Treasurer.

Missing were Bill Martin of the Greater Vancouver "Gentlemen of Fortune" chorus, and Paul Russell, Committee secretary, again, from Vancouver T-Birds.

At this meeting, plans were finalized for the committee to take part in the BCMEA (BC Music Educators

Association) Convention to be held October 23rd/24th. Here we'll meet vocal music teachers first hand with the intent of helping them incorporate a cappella harmony right in the classroom. As well as exhibiting at the conference, Vincent will present a 75 minute workshop on how to introduce a cappella singing in the classroom.



Year end message from Ed Watson BHS Executive Director and CEO

Please pass this along to all of our friends from Sing Canada Harmony:

The vital, essential work of Sing Canada Harmony is to provide the means for people to sing Barbershop. To sing; to express the joy and high emotion that would otherwise be locked up within their souls. To spread the good will, great cheer, and to learn the art of love expressed in song. It is a noble and truly worthwhile calling to help others enrich their lives. All of us in the Barbershop Harmony Society welcome the tremendous effort and dedication of Sing Canada Harmony and its many volunteers. Thank you for spreading Barbershop Harmony, and through that spreading harmonious living to all.

Ed

E. D. Watson

Executive Director/CEO

Christmas Greetings from BABS Chair

Many thanks for the email and the newsletter, it's always good to see what other Societies are doing. Our own magazine is also available on line, at <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/2a06c2a9#/2a06c2a9/1> (I suggest that you cut and paste the address rather than try and type it all!) or by following the link on our website at www.singbarbershop.com.

If possible please send the following message to all your newsletter readers:

"The British Association of Barbershop Singers sends season's greetings to all barbershop singers in Canada and wishes you all every happiness and success in 2010. Barbershop singing is very much alive and well in Great Britain and we aspire to match the very best that North America can offer, although there is still someway to go! Please visit our website at www.singbarbershop.com and, if you are ever over this side of the Atlantic, do visit one of our clubs. Each year we have a number of singers who do come here on vacation, and we're always ready to get them singing on the risers or in a quartet. Our Conventions, held at the end of May each year, are fun events that attract over 2000 attendees, and visitors are warmly welcomed. So, have a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Best wishes

Alan Goldsmith

Chairman, BABS."

Hope that's okay, Digger, and my best wishes to you and my admiration for all that you're achieving. By the way, any news on that proposed event for younger singers?

Best wishes

In Harmony

Alan

Year end message from Jan DelVecchio, President Harmony, Inc.

In 2009, the University of Prince Edward Island initiated a seven-year research project designed to explore "the development of singing ability, the connections between singing and learning; and the enhancement of health and well-being through singing". It will be interesting to see the scientific proof for something that barbershoppers around the world have known for decades - singing makes you feel good and it helps to keep you young!

Harmony Inc. appreciates the efforts of Sing Canada Harmony to provide financial support to people involved in a myriad of singing activities from attendance at HITS to enrolment at University; support that is extended both to our Young and to our Young-in-heart.

Jan DelVecchio, President Harmony, Inc.

Year end message from Roberta Damm, Chair International Affairs, BinG

Please pass on the message below from BinG! Barbershop in Germany to Sing Canada Harmony What started off as a handful of people who learned to love and appreciate Barbershop Music in Germany has grown into a national organization; BinG Barbershop in Germany. The love and appreciation for this music art continues to blossom and enrich not only our members but also has received national recognition in the German Music Association. We have always been thankful for the dedication, support and examples that we have had from Barbershoppers around the world. We know how much this support means to us and we want to thank you for all that you continue to do not only in our music field but in supporting various avenues of music education. We say "Keep the whole world singing", well organizations such as yours are vital to do just that. Keep up the good work!

In harmony,
Roberta

Sing Canada Board Member reports on youth efforts in REGINA

It took 8 years, but we did it! We finally have group of Regina high school boys singing barbershop.....not for school marks or credits, or travel opportunities, or because their parents said they had to, but simply for the fun singing and ringing four part barbershop chords.

After presentations to 8 high schools, 41 boys signed up for a youth chorus to represent Canada at a Youth Festival. First rehearsal was November 2008 and 16 of them actually attended. But it was too late for the 2009 festival in Pasadena, so we continued for the fun of it with the idea of preparing for Tampa Bay next year.

The local chapter contributed a set of bright blue jackets with black velvet lapels....Wow! The boys thought they were the "cat's meow". And I have to say they looked pretty sharp on June 12th when we presented our 10 song repertoire to 50 parents and friends. The boys sang up a storm and earned another, "WOW!. One grandmother told me, "I knew he liked to sing, but had no idea he had that much talent". That spoke volumes for me.

The boys selected their name as: "Harmony 2 Go", chorus and they sing barbershop. To show their motivation, they voted to continue singing all summer and we are now scheduling our first out of school practice at a local church hall. Further, our chorus activities resulted in a "first ever", member attending the Youth Harmony Explosion camp in La Crosse in June, sponsored by the Regina Chapter. It's been a good year for Youth In Harmony in Regina.

So far they have done two gigs, one of them paid. On Oct. 6th they sang at the Sweet Adeline Fund Raiser to help the local gals get to Nashville for their convention & competition. The same night they performed for the APCO Conference at a local hotel. In November they will be performing at the 40th anniversary of the church of one of the members. Not bad for one year, eh?

Next challenge? Participate with the Cross Canada Youth Chorus in Tampa Florida.

Prepared and Submitted by; Dave Pearce, Youth in Harmony program.

"The Studio News" The Official Publication of JT VocalStudios endorses SING CANADA HARMONY and calls for Canadian youth to participate in the annual youth festival to be held in Tampa Florida.

The October, 2009 issue of The Studio News gave a resounding endorsement to the work of Sing Canada Harmony and called out to Canadian youth to join the CROSS CANADA CHORUS. To get your personal copy of this newsletter and get the "inside scoop" on how renowned Ontario Barbershopper, Coach, and Director of both Hamilton Harbourtown Sound and the Golden Horseshoe Chorus, Jordan Travis, is "making it happen - email Jordan directly - Jordan at JT VocalStudios.ca

JT VocalStudios is dedicated to promoting and educating healthy singing and speaking through private lessons, ensemble coaching, master classes and performances. To contact Jordan or to set up a meeting, head over to his web site at JT VocalStudios.ca

Santa is helping “Sing Canada Harmony”

Despite the oncoming Christmas rush, Santa is helping Sing Canada Harmony by offering photo sessions in Ottawa homes for a donation to Sing Canada.

Capital City Chorus member Larry Matschke has informed residents of the National Capital Region that he is available to meet and pose as Santa Claus with families in their homes or a chosen location for a donation to Sing Canada Harmony. What a wonderful way for families to benefit from an on-site visit from Santa himself and what a wonderful way for Ottawa Barbershopper Larry Matschke to express the spirit of Christmas by donating his time and the all the proceeds of his photo sessions “so someone will sing tomorrow” Rumour has it that “Santa Larry” will qualify for partner level membership in the Sing Canada Harmony PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL. WOW !! – Way to go Larry

Thank you Larry – Thank you Santa.

(Larry Matschke is the Sing Canada Harmony Chapter Chair for the Ottawa Chapter and Capital City Chorus.)



Chapter Chair, Winnipeg Chapter, is another Santa Claus

Brian Sanderson of the Winnipeg Chapter has been promoting the spirit of Christmas as a highly respected Barbershopper and “in-demand” Santa. Check out this photo to see what Santa looks like in the “gateway to the west” city of Winnipeg:

Capital Chordettes HI Ottawa hold a fundraiser for their chorus in Ottawa
These photos are evidence of what can be done.





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