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Issue 1

THE "OFFICIAL" NEWSLETTER OF RAINBOW CHORUS

September, 1996



EXCITING NEW SEASON PLANNED!!!!!!!

John Tute, Artistic Director, has recently unveiled the programme for the 96-97 season. Increasing its concerts to 3 from this season's 2, Rainbow Chorus will offer concerts which combine the Chorus' formidable talents with those of solo artists. On Saturday, November 16, the Chorus will combine talents with noted vocalist, Cate Friesen. In February, 1997, the Chorus will perform "solo". The theme for this concert will centre around *WINTER* (no need to be thinking of that, just yet!). The final concert of the season, slated to take place in May, 1997, will present music associated with Shakespeare text. In addition to the Chorus' musical performance, Tute hopes to engage the services of local actors who will perform selected readings from Billy's works.

This concert line up is not one to be missed and promises a rewarding experience for both audience and Chorus members alike!



FINANCIAL PICTURE FOR 96-97 SEASON.

At a recent meeting to discuss the upcoming season, the Board of Directors spent much of their time discussing the budget. Most of the Chorus' expenses centre around the salary paid to the Artistic Director and for the purchase of music. The Board of Directors voted to accept John's request that his salary be brought up to a level which is more in line with what other Artistic Directors are receiving as remuneration. We are indeed very fortunate to have John working with us and are pleased to be able to maintain our association with him for the upcoming season. The Board also voted to approve, and is pleased to announce that, for the first time, the Chorus will be giving our accompanist, Douglas Brownlee an honorarium for his services. Douglas has graciously provided his services free of charge during this past season.

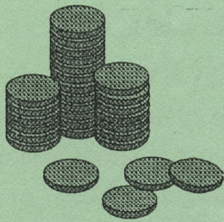
NEW BOARD MEMBER WELCOMED!

The Board of Directors is happy (and somewhat relieved!) to welcome Dave Vervoort as a new member. Dave will be dealing primarily with fund raising and promotion. If you have any ideas about either of those areas, pass them on to Dave. WELCOME Dave and thanks for helping out!



BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

It may be a little early to be thinking about this (probably not). The Annual General Meeting will take place in January, 1997. At that meeting there will be some changes in membership of the Board. Two members are finishing their terms, so they will need to be replaced. If you are interested in becoming more involved than you already are, please let us know.



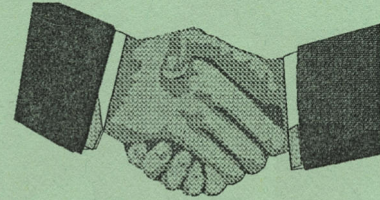
DUES, DUES, DUES

Because RAINBOW CHORUS is in a rapid growth phase at this time, there is some imbalance between income and expenses. We are still in the process of obtaining a registered charity number and are unlikely to attract donors if receipts for income tax purposes cannot be issued. In addition, because we are relatively new, we have not, as yet, been able to enter into larger scale fund raising endeavours. Soooooo.....we are entering into this season on a financial tight-rope. We have just enough to cover music purchase, John's salary and Douglas' honorarium. When we were determining how the budget would look for this year, we made our calculations based on increasing the dues to \$50 per term. This was the only way we could meet our projected expenses with guaranteed money (as opposed to projected money that we might raise from a concert or from a fund raising event).

We realize that this is a substantial financial contribution. Our goal is to enter into some serious fund raising this year and use those funds to reduce the financial commitment of the choir members.

This still only amounts to about \$3.50/rehearsal for the fall season. Where else can you get 2 hours worth of that kind of fun for \$3.50?? (If you know, Ray wants to know!).

Please see Les as soon as possible with your dues for this season. We need to have all of our dues collected by the end of September. Our preference is to receive your dues as a lump sum. If you prefer other arrangements, these can be made on an individual basis in consultation with Les.



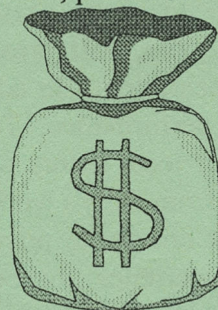
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!

If you know of anyone who might be interested in singing with us, please let them know that we would be glad to have them join us!

T-SHIRTS.....

Would the people who received T-shirts prior to the Pride Day concert and haven't paid for them, please see Les with your \$15.00. (According to our records, the following people fall into that category: Marcella, Birgit, Sue, Lawrence, Tom, and Jenn).

We still have a number of t-shirts available. If you don't have yours yet or would like to purchase another, please see Glenn.



FUNDRAISING!!!!!!

At a meeting last week of the Directors, the main topic was fundraising. A number of very

good ideas were presented and discussed. For the present, we are looking into holding a MAMMOTH GARAGE SALE. We are presently looking into having it sometime in September and are searching out an appropriate place. Any ideas?. See Dave if you do.



PARTY! PARTY!

One of the first orders of business for this new season is to organize a welcome-back, get (re)acquainted, welcome new members party. We are planning to have that party in conjunction with the Garage Sale (i.e. Garage Sale during the day and then party at night). We'll keep you posted. (Any suggestions for a venue?)

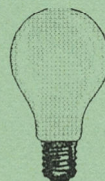


INFORMATION UPDATE

We would like to update our personal information list (address, phone number) for the Chorus. Please fill out the attached form and hand it to Ray. We will have an updated list available for distribution within the next few weeks.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Last season, there were occasions when we had the opportunity to publish a picture of the Chorus. We declined because we hadn't received everyone's permission to have their picture published in association with RAINBOW CHORUS. Each of you will have your own comfort level with this and we ask that, in addition to filling out your name and address below, you indicate what degree of disclosure you are comfortable with.



IDEAS! QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact any one of the Executive if you have any questions or ideas. They are:

Glenn (856-████) [Chair]
Ray (886-████) [Secretary]
Les (843-████) [Treasurer]
Jane (837-████) [Librarian]
Frank (621-████) [Operations]
Kallie (822-████) [Operations]
Dave (836-████) [Fund Raising]