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April 21, 2013 - 8:01pm -- Anonymous (not verified)



WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES!

It was September 1984, and Phoenix started its second season with so much more than the year before – we had a conductor, a choir name, AND our first CBC Choral Competition win! Not to mention the fact that our conductor was just SO perfect for us. We felt very lucky, indeed.

Our season launched in late September with the annual Fall Retreat. Keep in mind that Magnum P. I. was a huge hit TV show at the time. Check out all the Tom Selleck wannabe mustaches! Bill Paul, Ron Smail, Cortland Hultberg? Wow. Just wow.

Enjoying the
singing at the
Phoenix
Fall Retreat
1984-1985





On October 5th, 1984, we received our Certificate of Incorporation and became an honest-to-goodness non-profit society. Just a few weeks later, on October 21, we performed our fall concert at Canadian Memorial, and Cortland's dream of putting Machaut and Stravinsky masses on the same programme was finally realized. Ticket prices? A whopping \$6 for adults, and \$4 for student/seniors!

At Christmas, we hired the Sounding Brass (made up of well known Vancouver musicians Jim and Holly Littleford, Don Clark, Dave Robbins, and Sharman King) to join us. With this concert the Phoenix Christmas tradition truly began. Along with beautiful carols and audience sing-alongs, for the very first time we ended the evening with Miles Ramsay's now iconic and always breathtaking arrangement of *Silent Night*. Glorious.

We sang a spring concert in April of 1985 at Canadian Memorial, and then a May concert at Shaughnessy Heights United. And, with that May concert, we found our new musical home! Jocelyn Pritchard, then musical director at Shaughnessy United, welcomed us to her church, and it remained our home for many, many years to come.

Stay tuned for the highlights of Season 3 - 1985/1986. We toured! Twice! to NANAIMO...

In 1984/1985 Phoenix was...

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
Sheryl De Coste	Deborah Mehes (Gibson)	Michael Bruce	Elliott Dainow
Barbara Del Maso	Barb Paul	Mark Donnelly	Richard Kidd
Janet Kidd (Hassell)	Morna Edmundson (Russell)	Stephen Grant	Al McLellan
Rosemary Lister (Lindsay)	Josie Martens	Ron Smail	Bill Paul
		Stuart Tarbuck	Bill Vermeulen
		John Whyte	

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COMMENTS



Wow!

Posted by Morna Edmundson (not verified) on April 21, 2013 - 12:46pm [Permalink](#)

Love the photos! Were we ever this young? Thanks for posting!



Oh yes, you WERE this young!

Posted by Leanne Dalton (not verified) on April 21, 2013 - 2:41pm [Permalink](#)

Oh yes, you WERE this young! It's so fun to go back and reminisce. I LOVE looking at the old pictures of Hult. Takes me back...

In a few more weeks we'll be posting Phoenix photos with me in them as a...gulp...teenager! Frightening.

Thanks for commenting, Morna!



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Posted by Janet Kidd (not verified) on April 21, 2013 - 6:37pm [Permalink](#)

Thank you thank you thank you for doing this Barb! Phoenix was always such fun - so much laughing until it hurt



name

Posted by Richard Kidd (not verified) on April 22, 2013 - 5:59am [Permalink](#)

Great to see all these faces again. I don't remember 'Michael Bruce,' but didn't Michael Murray sing with us?



Hmmm...according to the

Posted by Leanne Dalton (not verified) on April 23, 2013 - 12:11am [Permalink](#)

Hmmm...according to the alumni list that Barb has painstakingly created, Michael Murray sang in the first year, but not after. He's on the singers list in the blog post for 83/84 and in the official first photo, if you look carefully. I guess there weren't any photos of him at the retreat? I know there are a couple of folks who didn't get into many pictures.

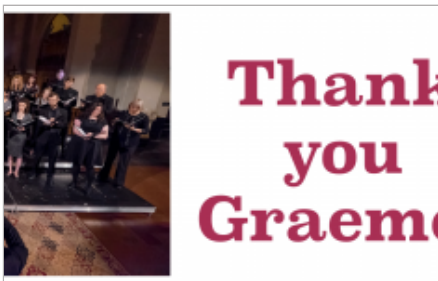
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