
PHOENIX

CHAMBER CHOIR

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WHEN IT CAN FINALLY
TOUR.

Not once, but twice - in one season (if only to Nanaimo). Now, that's progress!

Phoenix' third season started off with a retreat back at Deb Mehes (Gibson)'s newly renovated cabin at Brunswick Beach. What a gorgeous location! And, among our new members that year we welcomed two singers who were to stay with us for decades...Charlene Gallaher and Margaret Barry.



Our fall concert was at Shaughnessy Heights United. The warm atmosphere, beautiful sanctuary, and lovely acoustic made us feel at home, and so we continued to concertize there for a long, long time...27 years, to be exact!

Our first tour in November 1985 took us to Nanaimo where we joined the Malaspina Choir under the direction of Terry Pitt-Brooke, now the director of the North Shore Singers, for a joint concert (thanks for inviting us, Terry!) We enjoyed the experience so much that we returned in May 1986 to put on our own concert. In the fall, Terry commissioned one of our singers Richard Kidd to compose a setting of "Can Doleful Notes", one of many pieces Richard composed for Phoenix. And in the spring, once again Ron Smail provided us with three more fabulous and hugely popular arrangements of old standards to add to his growing collection. Ron's arrangements were a signature of the Phoenix sound for many, many years.



From the very beginning, one of the most wonderful things about Phoenix was not just the beautiful music we made together, but that we were friends who liked to hang out together. Hence, the very First Annual Beach Badminton Croquet Frisbee Tournament and Beer Barbeque (known from then on simply as the Beer Barbeque - hey, it was the 80s!) held at Spanish Banks in July 1986. And the Phoenix family was growing...there was a new Kidd on the block! Rachel Kidd, daughter of Richard and Janet was born in April 1985 and can be seen perched upon Dad's shoulders. The first, but not the last, Phoenix baby to be born along the way...



Phoenix
Beer BBQ 1986
at Spanish Banks

In 1985/1986 Phoenix was...

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
Margaret Barry	Celine Chaput	Michael Bruce	Elliott Dainow
Janet Kidd	Charlene Gallaher	Stephen Grant	Richard Kidd
Rosemary Lister (Lindsay)	Deborah Mehes (Gibson)	Giles Gysel	Al McLellan
Josie Martens	Barb Paul	Ron Smail	Ian McEwan
Carolyn Tupper	Joy Smith	John Whyte	Bill Paul
			Bill Vermeulen

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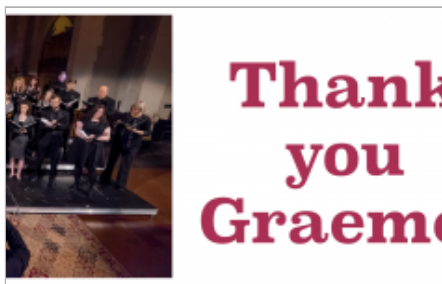
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Thank you Graeme!

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Thanks for a great season!

We're happy to report that we gave our concert last week to a very full house! We're so grateful to everyone... [more](#)

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