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WOW. FIFTEEN PHOENIX SEASONS!

Season 15 in 1997/1998 was definitely a quieter year than most (we were recovering from Copenhagen!), but it was still a winning season, thanks to the CBC Choral Competition!

Phoenix gathered in August once again for its annual retreat, held at Tantalus Lodge in Whistler. As well as some serious rehearsing, there

was lots of time for fun, laughing, communal meals and hot tubbing!

Phoenix Chamber Choir - Fall 1997 Retreat to Whistler, BC



We were also thrilled and grateful to get a glowing review of our latest CD "Phoenix-Live in Copenhagen" in the September issue of Classical Music Magazine. Our Fall concert, titled Moments of Love and Madness, was held on October 19. Here we presented the world premiere of **Vijay Singh's piece *Stella Maris*** which was warmly received by our audience. December was, as usual, our busiest season. Our first Christmas gig was for KISS FM's annual Toy Drive held at the Pan Pacific Hotel. Next, were two joint concerts with Die Meistersinger Children's Choir under the direction of the fabulous Sandra Meister. Who could forget those french-braided cuties and the flying Toblerone bars! The traditional Phoenix Christmas concert followed at Shaughnessy Heights on Sunday December 21st, and the season ended with our annual visit to the CBC's Early Edition Christmas Eve show.

There was no spring retreat this year - instead, we spent two days in January recording for the CBC Choral Competition. The recording sessions went really well and then it was simply a matter of waiting anxiously to hear the results in May. The next event of our season was our spring concert in April titled "Worlds of Darkness and Light", an interesting and compelling programme of contrasts. In May we participated in a fundraiser for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. This concert was held at the Vogue Theatre and the line up was very eclectic! I'm sure having a chamber choir on the programme was a bit of a surprise to the audience, but they cheered heartily, and obviously enjoyed it!

Our final concert of the season was held at the Holy Rosary Cathedral on June 7 where we were able to announce that we had once again won **first place in the Chamber Choir category, second place in the Contemporary category, and best of all, The Healey Willan grand prize for the Best Choir Overall!** A celebratory dinner followed the concert and wrapped up another great Phoenix year!

In 1997/1998 Phoenix was...

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
		Mike Angell	
Margaret Barry	Janis Clark	Evan Bueckert	Brian (Hoot) Gibson
Rosemary Bell	Dale Owen	Ian Bullen	Rob Hollins
Patti Fletcher	Barb Paul	Steve Maddock	Bill Paul
Corlynn Hanney	Kim Tompkins	Moses Myung	Miles Ramsay
Siri Olesen-Maddock	Sophia Vassiliadis	Jonathan Quick	Bill Vermeulen
		Joel Schmidt	

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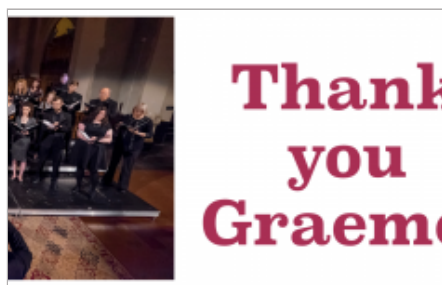
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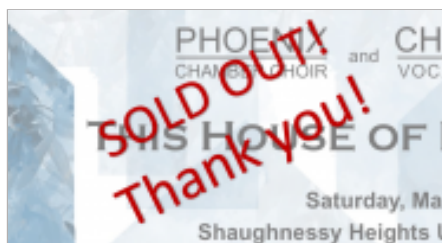
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Thank you Graeme!

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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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