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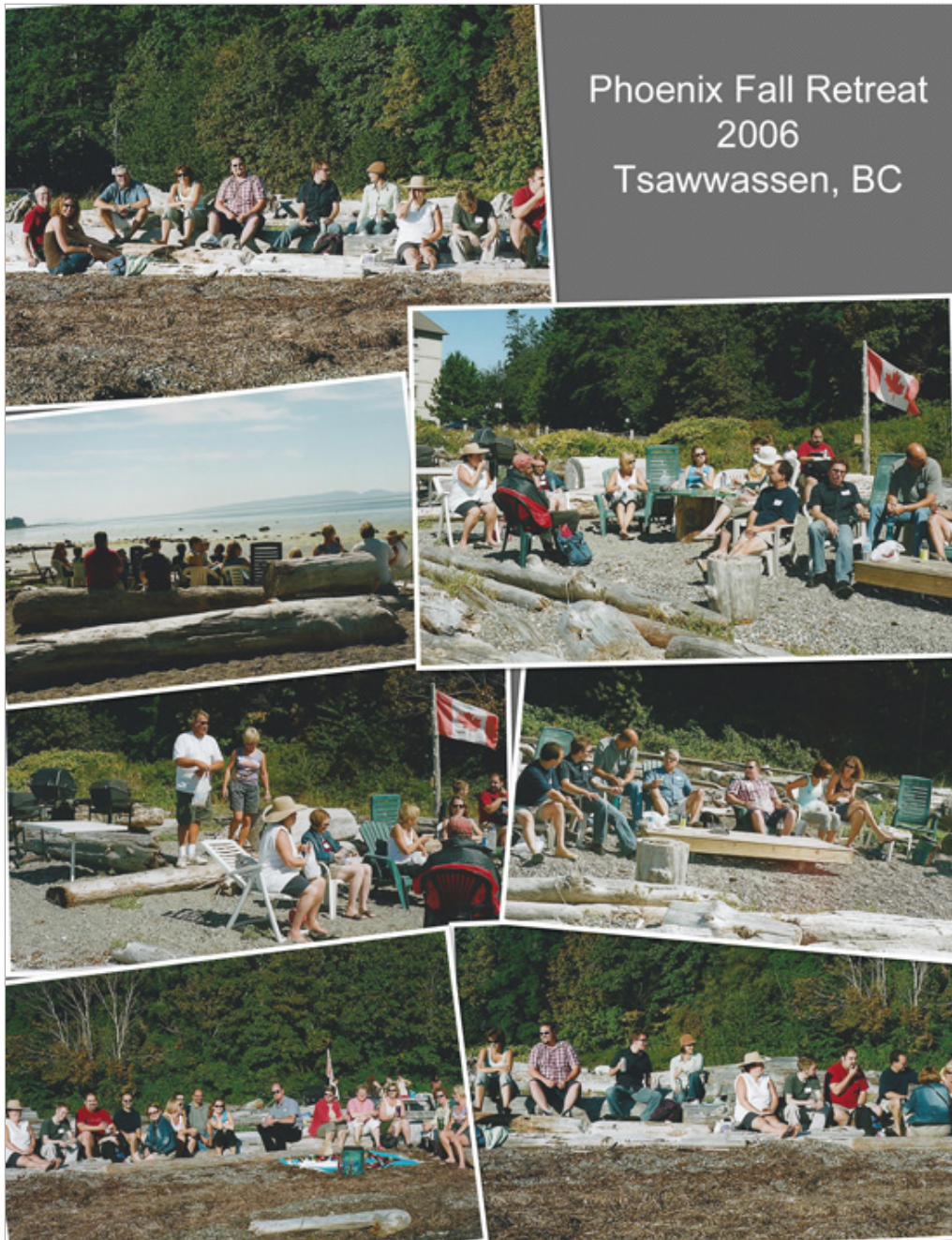


September 22, 2013 - 12:00am -- Anonymous (not verified)



OUR EUROPE TOUR WAS
JUST AROUND THE
CORNER - AND WE
ALMOST HAD ENOUGH
MONEY SAVED UP, THANKS TO THE BIG
CBC WIN A FEW MONTHS BEFORE!

We decided to save a little more cash by not going to Whistler for retreat, and instead used the great facilities at Miles Ramsay's condominium complex in Tsawwassen, right on the beach.



Another change that season was our rehearsal night...after 23 years of Wednesday nights, we switched to Tuesdays to allow Ramona to conduct Amabilis, a community choir based in New Westminster, on Wednesday evenings.

Our first concert of the season was a joint one on October 28th with the Lyric Singers, under the direction of Nancy Rahn. The concert ended with both choirs joining together to sing "Hark I Hear" and "I Can Tell the World", much to the enjoyment of both audience and chorister!

Our own fall concert, titled "Landscapes of the Soul" set out to discover the layers and vistas of our spiritual topography. In Ramona's words: "My desire is to unearth the myriad layers that encompass our soul, and to journey through them guided by the evocative hand of gifted composers." Ramona emailed the choir afterwards to say that she felt this was the finest fall concert she had ever had with this group...high praise indeed!



The Christmas season kicked off with something new for Phoenix...singing aboard a Carol Ship. We were able to completely fill the ship with our own family and friends. A lovely dinner was served and a silent auction was held in between carols and sing-alongs.

For our traditional Phoenix Christmas concert, once again we welcomed the Sound Wave Handbell Choir under the direction of our own Janet Kyle. The bells were a big hit with our audience and put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

We had one last event on December 29th that was a completely different experience. We performed nine pieces in Armenian at a wedding service! Thanks to Father Housig and his gifted phonetical words in our scores, we apparently sang flawless Armenian and raised considerable money for our tour fund. The wedding itself was completely spectacular. Little did we know that this wedding would lead to future invitations to concertize for the Armenian community!

On January 20th, we hosted our second Young Composer's Workshop as part of the Young Choral Composers Development Programme. That year, we worked with seven composers and their pieces. Each work was rehearsed, discussed, complimented and critiqued. By the end of the day, each composer left with a recording of their composition. Four of the seven were selected to be performed at our spring concert, titled "Revelations II". As well as these world premieres, we included some wonderful repertoire that would be performed in some of the most beautiful cathedrals in Germany and the Czech Republic in a few short months.

The last bit of exciting news to come in before we headed off on tour was to find out that, as Canada's representative for the European Broadcasting Union's Choral Competition, we were chosen as semi finalists! The EBU competition

finals would be held live-to-air from Germany on October 14th (well, everyone else was going to be performing live-to-air in Germany. We were going to be live in Studio 1 at CBC!) At any rate, yet another huge accomplishment for Phoenix and something really big to look forward to after the tour!

In 2006/2007, Phoenix was...

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
		Mike Angell	
Kate Baldwin	Jaime Ashurst	Kevin	Magdy Ghobrial
Margaret Barry	Charlene Gallaher	Barclay	
Leanne Dalton		Tim Burns	Rob Hollins
Corlynn Hanney	Janet Kyle	Greg	Chris Maddocks
Debbie Low	Bonnie McCoy	Farrugia	Bill Paul
Sharon Schermbrucker	Dale Owen	Colin Pierce	Miles Ramsay
	Barb Paul	Matthew Smith	

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Under the direction of Dr. Langager, Phoenix Chamber Choir has: released 3 CD's; placed 1st in Adult Chamber... more



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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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