

Dear friends and supporters,

We have a deep sense of gratitude for our Board of Directors and our fundraising team, who have kept the doors open through the pandemic for the young adults who have needed their SingYourJoy family most. It's been a challenging time, yet we have some great successes to share. And we are planning our upcoming seasons with excitement. This is a brief update of our recent activities and we sincerely thank you for your continued support of the SingYourJoy Family of Chors.



Over the past two years, SingYourJoy has:

- continued offering programs from two locations - Victoria and WestShore
- shifted significantly and creatively invested in an online learning environment where singers could safely build skills and connect with like-minded peers
- created accessible online video presentations honouring our past choirs (you can find them here: linktr.ee/singyourjoy)
- welcomed the James Bay Children's Choir into our SYJ Family - we now have choirs available for ages 6 to 29, all barrier-free (no auditions or fees)
- received significant grant funding from The Victoria Foundation through their Community Recovery Program - helping us weather our inability to raise money at in-person concerts and events
- offered our first outdoor summer choir program - providing choral singing in a safe environment
- returned to in-person rehearsals this spring and offered friends and family a short program of our season's accomplishments

This year as we enter our 12th season, facing the challenge of a difficult post-pandemic rebuilding phase, we are boldly scheduling a full 13 week IN-PERSON Fall season with public concerts planned for the December 3/4/5 weekend.

We are continuing to seek out new, challenging and interesting repertoire that speaks to our singers. Our focus this fall will be to instill the excitement of performance in young adults who have yet to experience the joy of an in-person concert.

We are maintaining and growing our relationships with the new singers we've met from across the Capital Region in the past two years -- their advocating on behalf of the choir will be an important component of our recruitment success as we rebuild this fall.

Local WestShore businesses who employ the young adults we seek to serve will be contacted for their support to help us create a life/work balance that fosters their good mental health.

We are asking you to help 'kick start' the next chapter of The SingYourJoy Family of Choirs. Your financial commitment gives us the encouragement to actualize our vision together. While some of our supporters like to make a significant one-time gift, others choose to schedule a recurring monthly donation through CanadaHelps. However you choose to help today, please know that you are having a powerful positive influence on the social and emotional well-being of our singers.

Donations by cheque are welcome at:

SingYourJoy Young Adult Chorus Society: 1355 Mitchell Street, Victoria BC V8S 4P9

Online donations: singyourjoy.ca/donate

Questions: email singyourjoy@gmail.com / call 250-882-5668

Thank you!

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