

May 1, 2024

Choir Happenings



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ST. PAUL'S CHOIR

Choir Notes

As April unfolded, the St. Paul's choir found themselves immersed in a symphony of activity.



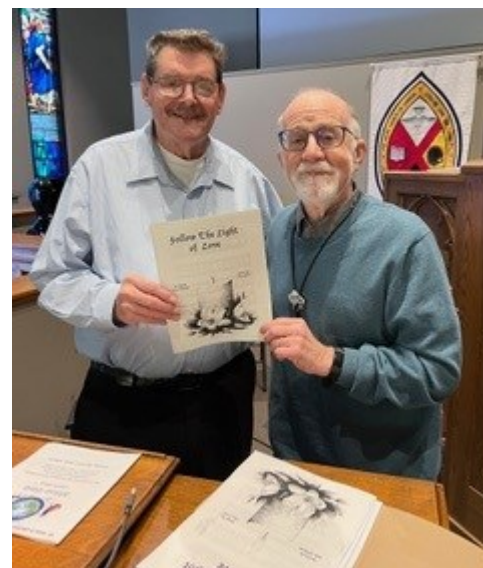
Missa Gaia

On Sunday, April 21st, our choir members and friends gathered to honour the memory Karen Hilfman Millson and celebrate 'Earth Day 2024' as we presented Paul Winter's *Missa Gaia*. The notes soared, weaving a tapestry of remembrance and hope. And the result? Over \$3,600 raised for St. Paul's greening initiatives. Our gratitude extends to Blair Bailey, the maestro behind the scenes, and the virtuoso musicians who lent their magic to this unforgettable performance. Jim Lewis, too, penned the music for *Follow the Light of Love*, inspired by the eloquent words of John Oldam.

The Wild Geese: A Flight of Gratitude

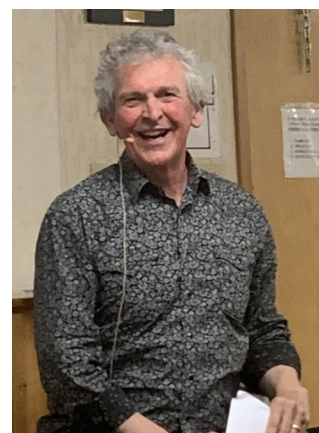
The same day witnessed another crescendo—the debut of *The Wild Geese*. Commissioned by our choir and composed by the talented John Sirrett, this musical ode celebrated Blair Bailey's 39 years as our Music Director. John's email to the choir stated: "How lovely to hear from you and listen to

this recording. What a lovely choir! Please convey my heartfelt appreciation to the chancel choir for their exquisite performance."

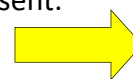


Celebration of Ted Reeve's Ordination Anniversary

Our journey continued as we marked the 40th anniversary of Reverend Ted Reeve's ordination. The choir's voices soared with the singing of Leonard Cohen's timeless *Hallelujah*. But that wasn't all—the old hymn *There's a Church in the Wildwood* underwent a lyrical metamorphosis, thanks to Jim



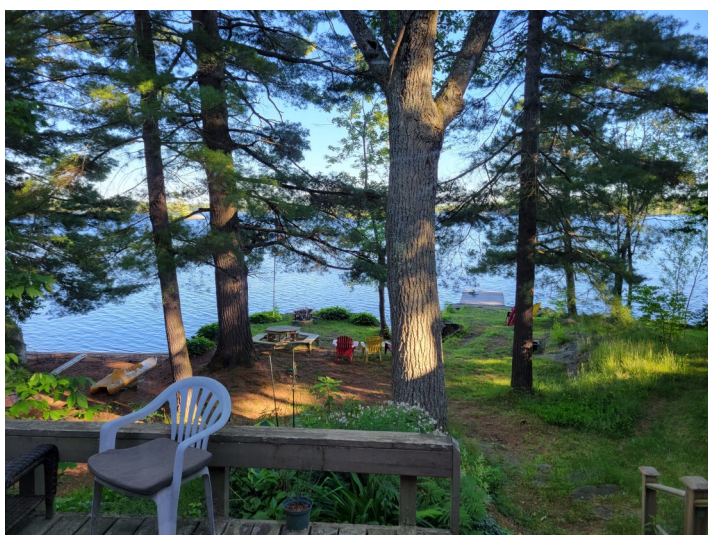
Lewis. Now renamed *There's a Church in Orillia*, it resonated anew, bridging the past and the present.





Annual General Meeting - May 16th

Your are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 16th. Join us after choir rehearsal to hear reports from our dedicated Executive team. Your presence matters as we chart the course for the year ahead. And if the nominating committee taps you on the shoulder, consider serving on the Executive—a chance to shape our musical journey.



Spring Potluck at Kahshe Lake

We find ourselves once pleased to accept Fred Fallis’s generous offer once again—the family cottage awaits! On Thursday, June 16th, our annual Spring Potluck will take place on the shores of Kahshe Lake. Bring your favorite dish, your laughter, and your appetite for camaraderie. Details will follow in the June edition of Choir Notes.

Welcome to Becky and Selema Bauman

We were delighted to have Becky and Selema Bauman join us in the choir for some of our April events. We hope that you will be able to join us as often as possible in the future.

Orillia Vocal Ensemble’s Spring Concert

Mark your calendars, music enthusiasts! On May 22nd at 7:30 pm, attend the Orillia Vocal Ensemble’s Spring Concert.



While we regret not having a publicity poster to share at this time, rest assured—the melodies will be nothing short of spectacular. Join the OVE as they raise their voices in harmony, supporting the great work of the Barrie-Orillia Quota Club.

There are many other events taking place in Orillia at St. Paul’s in the coming month which are highlighted in the newsletter. Of particular note, is the St. Paul’s Pub Night on Friday, May 10th which will feature our own Dan McCoy. He will be joined by the son of Susan and Harry Braun. It should be a fun evening.



Finally, enjoy the “May Quiz’ and the choir humour that is included in Choir Notes. As well let’s hope that the rains of April are behind us and that we can enjoy some warmth and sun in Orillia—The Sunshine City.

Orillia 
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NEIL BARLOW, CONDUCTOR

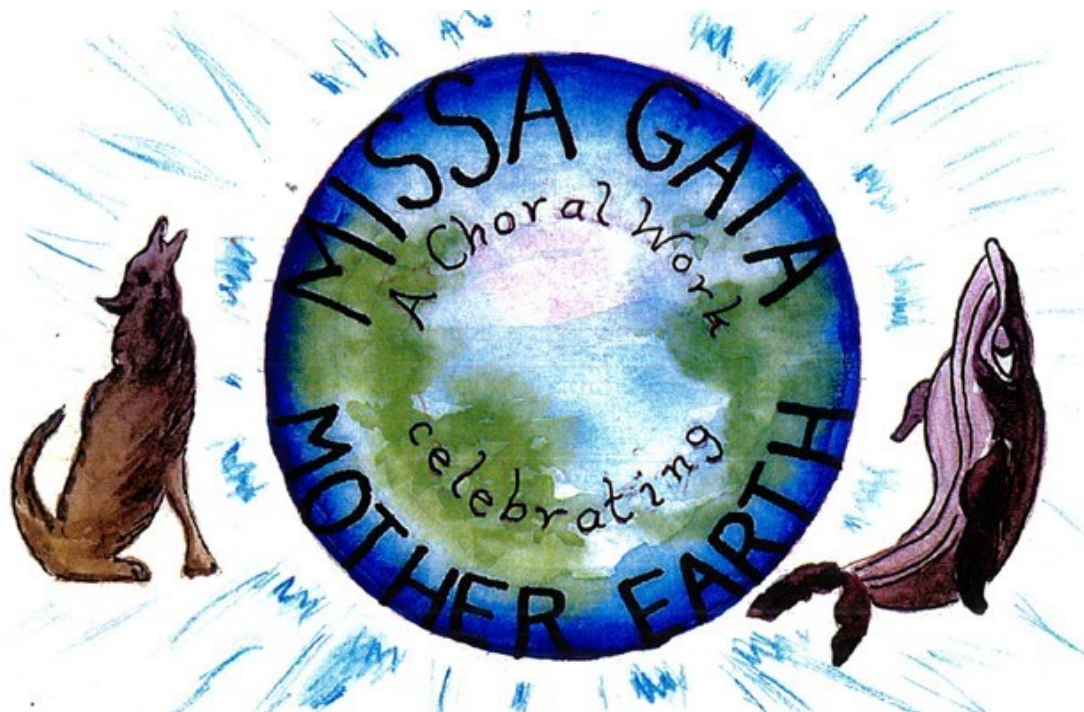
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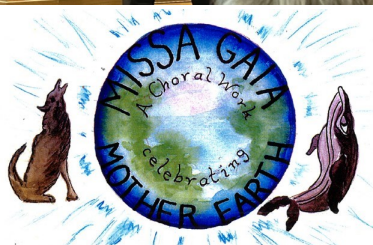
MAY 4TH, 2024
8:00 P.M.

ST. PAUL'S CENTRE
ORILLIA

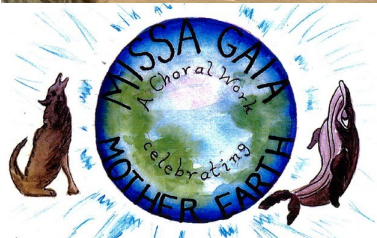
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WWW.ORILLIASILVERBAND.COM
ADULTS \$25; SENIORS \$20; STUDENTS \$15







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**ST. PAUL'S CENTRE PRESENTS
PUB NIGHT WITH
DAN MCCOY, STEVE BRAUN
AND FRIENDS !**

**Friday May 10th, 6-9:30 PM
\$10 Cover Charge
Pub Food & Cash Bar**

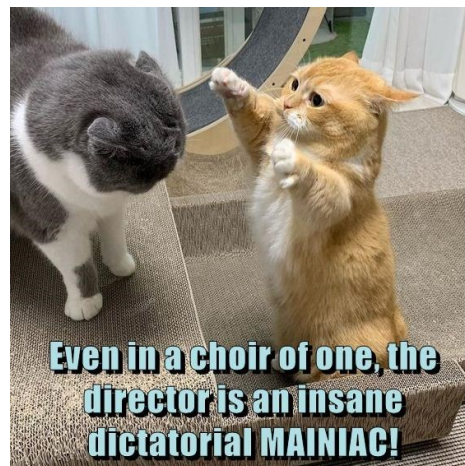
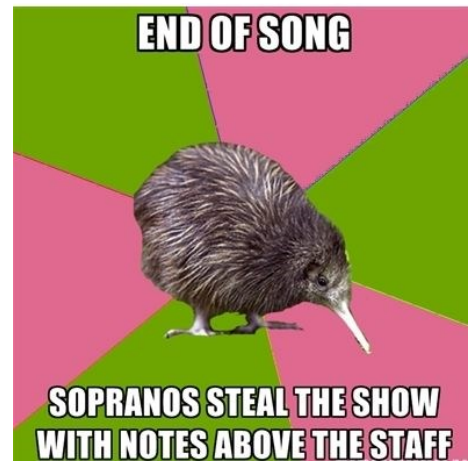
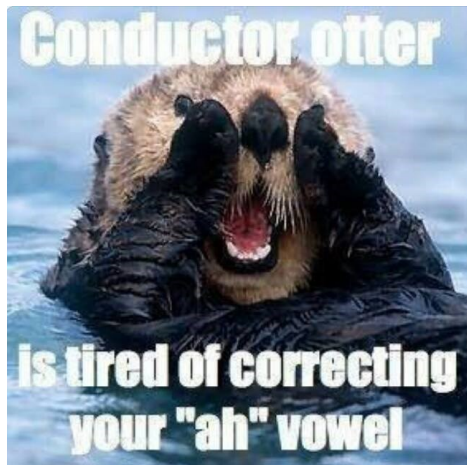
 **St. Paul's Centre
62 Peter Street N, Orillia**



40th Anniversary of the Ordination of Reverend Ted Reeve - Saturday, April 27, 2024



Choir Humour





*The Orillia Kiwanis
Music Festival Presents...*

“Festival Encores”

Friday, May 10th, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Orillia Opera House



**Concert Hosts:
Don Haskins - President
Steph Pegelo - Registrar**

Free Admission, however free will donations are welcomed and will help sustain our festival!

Orillia Concert Band

proudly presents...

Frank Sinatra Comes Home to Orillia!



International award-winning tribute artist
Rick Stephenson
www.HisSinatra.com

May 11, 2024
7:30pm

St. Paul's Centre - 62 Peter St. N.



Adults \$25 Seniors (60+) \$20
Post-Secondary Students \$15
Youth (5-18) \$10
Children under 5 - Free

Scan for tickets. www.orilliaconcertband.com



32 May Quiz Questions And Answers: Bright Days

[We Love Quizzes](#) March 29, 2022

The month of May marks the beginning of summer when people start to go outdoors to enjoy blooming flowers and beautiful weather. Let's celebrate this great month with the following 32 May quiz questions and answers.



- What is the birthstone for May?
 - Emerald
 - Ruby
 - Sapphire
- Which would be your sign of zodiac if your birthday is in May?
 - Aries or Taurus
 - Taurus or Gemini
 - Gemini or Cancer
- When do people in the United States celebrate Mother's Day?
 - The first Sunday in May
 - The second Sunday in May
 - The last Sunday in May
- Which of the following famous actors was NOT born in May?
 - Dwayne Johnson
 - George Clooney
 - Leonardo DiCaprio
- How many days are there in May?
 - 28
 - 30
 - 31
- The month of May was named after Maia. Who is actually Maia?
 - A Greek goddess
 - A Christian saint
 - A princess
- When do we celebrate May Day?
 - May 1st
 - May 15th
 - May 31st
- What do people celebrate on May Day?
 - The birthday of a Christian saint
 - The end of World War II
 - The arrival of spring
- Which kind of dance is mostly associated with May Day in England?
 - Morris dance
 - Maypole dance
 - Barn Dance
- A May Ball is a dance party that takes place in which British university at the end of the academic year?
 - The University of Cambridge
 - The University of Oxford
 - The University of Edinburgh
- When do people celebrate International Hamburger Day?
 - May 2nd
 - May 15th
 - May 28th
- May 23rd is the World ... Day.
 - Alligator
 - Turtle
 - Starfish
- What is the season in the southern hemisphere of the world during May?
 - Spring
 - Summer
 - Autumn
- The Catholic Church typically holds special devotions during the month of May to honour whom?
 - Mother Mary
 - Jesus Christ
 - Saint Nicolai
- Which tennis Grand Slam tournament begins in late May each year?
 - US Open
 - French Open
 - Australia Open

16. Which famous English writer is the author of the following line, "Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May"?
- A. William Shakespeare B. Charles Dickens
C. J. R. R. Tolkien
17. According to a wedding superstition, you should not do what in May to avoid "ruining the day"?
- A. Move to a new house B. Get married
C. Travel
18. Which of the following events is held annually between May and June in the United Kingdom?
- A. National Hug Month B. National Love Month
C. National Smile Month
19. Which of the following words means May in Spanish?
- A. Maya B. Maye C. Mayo
20. Which world-famous landmark was officially opened to the public on May 6, 1889?
- A. Taj Mahal, India
B. Big Ben, The United Kingdom
C. Eiffel Tower, France
21. Which international film festival is held annually in May and awards the winners with the prize called Palme d'Or?
- A. Cannes International Film Festival
B. Berlin International Film Festival
C. BFI London Film Festival
22. Mayflower was a ship that transported whom from England to the U.S. in 1620?
- A. The Pilgrims B. Christopher Columbus
C. The Vikings
23. Which country celebrates Victoria Day on May 24 annually in honour of Queen Victoria?
- A. Australia B. Canada C. New Zealand
24. On May 8, 1945, the Allied Forces celebrated the end of which world conflict after Germany's unconditional surrender?
- A. World War I B. World War II C. Cold War
25. Which of the following is a song about the month of May by Michael Bublé?
- A. First of May B. 5 Days in May C. End of May
26. The last episode of which popular TV series was aired on May 6, 2004?
- A. Friends B. How I Met Your Mother
C. Modern Family
27. Which product was first introduced by Steve Jobs, Apple's chief executive, on May 7, 1998?
- A. iPhone B. iMac C. iPod
28. Which music competition has taken place annually in May since 1956?
- A. Eurovision Song Contest
B. International Chopin Piano Competition
C. American Idol
29. Which world-known film franchise is celebrated by fans on May 4th every year?
- A. Harry Potter B. The Lord of the Rings
C. Star Wars
30. On May 29, 1953, Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary became the first explorers to ...
- A. Discover Machu Picchu in Peru
B. To reach the top of Mount Everest
C. To set foot in Antarctica
31. Which country changed its name from Ceylon to the current name on May 22, 1972?
- A. Indonesia B. Colombia C. Sri Lanka
32. Which award was first announced on May 4, 1959?
- A. Academy Awards
B. Grammy Awards
C. Golden Globe Awards





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Directed By Stevie Baker

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& more!**

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SAT JUNE 22
2024 - 7:30 PM**

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Featuring drag artists, singers, poets & more, come and enjoy our local talent and celebrate Pride Month in style!

Performances will take place on Friday, June 21 & Saturday, June 22 at 7:30 PM at the MAT Centre (12 Brammer Dr. Orillia, ON).

PLEASE NOTE: This is a 19+ event. A cash bar and light refreshments will be available.



Mariposa Folk Festival

July 5 - 7, 2024

Canada’s most iconic music event, The Mariposa Folk Festival was first held in Orillia in 1961. It later moved to Toronto and other sites in Ontario until returning home in 2000 to Orillia. The 3-day Festival is a family-friendly celebration of song, story, dance and craft in the bucolic setting of Tudhope Park. More than 50 artists appear on stages throughout the park including a pub stage and outstanding evening main stage performances. Special areas for children’s activities, artisans, and food vendors make Mariposa a magical experience for people of all ages.

MAY

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. A. Emerald
2. B. Taurus or Gemini
3. B. The second Sunday in May
4. C. Leonardo DiCaprio
5. C. 31
6. A. A Greek goddess
7. A. May 1st
8. C. The arrival of spring
9. B. Maypole dance
10. A. The University of Cambridge
11. C. May 28th
12. B. Turtle
13. C. Autumn
14. A. Mother Mary
15. B. French Open
16. A. William Shakespeare
17. B. Get married
18. C. National Smile Month
19. C. Mayo
20. C. Eiffel Tower, France
21. A. Cannes International Film Festival
22. A. The Pilgrims
23. B. Canada
24. B. World War II
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26. A. Friends
27. B. iMac
28. A. Eurovision Song Contest
29. C. Star Wars
30. B. To reach the top of Mount Everest
31. C. Sri Lanka
32. A. Academy Awards



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Saturday, May 4, 2024
3:00 pm

St. James' Anglican Church
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