Kathaumixw 2023

Information Presented Friday, February 10

- <u>Dates</u>: Leave Vancouver, Tuesday, July 4. That evening we will participate in the <u>Parade of Choirs</u> and be present for the Gala Opening Concert
- We need to know asap who will be attending, so please complete a <u>short survey</u> by Noon on Thursday, Feb 16
- The Festival is four days and during those four days we will either be performing, rehearsing or listening to other choirs:
 - In the mornings the competitions take place and EnChor will be competing in the mixed voice, adult choir category
 - At least once a day we will rehearse for the massed number that we will sing at the Gala Closing Concert.
 - Every afternoon or evening we will either be presenting a 25 minute solo program or listening to other choir concerts. We will get to perform a 25 minute program shared with other choirs at least 2-3 times that week.
 - All choirs sing the massed selection at the <u>Gala Closing concert on Sat.</u> July 8.
 - ▶ We will leave for home on Sunday morning, July 9.

Cost:

- The Registration Fee of \$225.00 per singer will be paid from EnChor Funds. Singers will not need to pay this.
 - > This fee covers participation in and entrance to:
 - Common song rehearsals and performance. One common song rehearsal per day in preparation for the closing concert. You will receive an email link for the music at a later date.
 - Choir Concerts-each participating choir will be scheduled to sing a 25 minute program in 2-3 concerts. These concerts are shared with other choirs and are scheduled in the afternoon or evening.
 - Choral and vocal solo competition: the choral and vocal solo competitions take place in the morning and are open to the public. Results of 1st and 2nd place and special awards are announced at the end of the festival. All participants receive constructive written comments from the international jury. First and second prize winners perform in the Gala Award Concert.
 - This fee also allows you entrance into the pool and recreation facilities
 - Festival Souvenir program

Festival transportation as required

Accommodation and Meal Package

Please note that the festival assigns all accommodation and arranges all meals for choirs attending the Festival, including the costs for hotel, meals, all taxes and gratuities. <u>Think about this as an all inclusive!</u>

We are hoping that in order to keep hotel costs down you will agree to share a room with another choir member. Most rooms have 2 double beds.

- Hotel and meal packages based on two sharing are approximately \$130-\$190 per person per day based on the hotel. The Festival organizers hope to be able to put us all into the same hotel. The rehearsal and performance venues are <u>not</u> within walking distance from the hotels.
- Meals for participants include breakfasts and dinners in restaurants with a variety of menus. Lunches will be delivered to the festival site. The Festival will provide transportation to and from meals as necessary.

Transportation:

It has been decided by the board that the most economical way to get to Kathaumixw will be by carpooling. Another survey will come out soon seeking more information about that. Fifty dollars will be given to each singer to help defer the cost of travel to Powell River.

Partners Accompanying you on this tour:

If your partner is not in the choir but wants to come to Powell River they are most welcome, at their own expense. This may include the \$225.00 registration fee (this allows them to have a badge and access to all concerts with EnChor), the hotel/meal package (TBA) and all travel expenses are extra. The money owing will be paid to EnChor choir by cheque or etransfer to Nancy. I will let those whose partners are accompanying them know the exact amount owing and when it is due. The first payment for Registration of \$112.50 is non-refundable and will be due very soon. If you wish to have the Registration fee waived the Festival is willing to do so but it means your partner will not have a badge to get in to the concerts with you. They will have to purchase all tickets to concerts in advance. Tickets range in price from \$17.00-\$30.00 (Opening and closing concerts are more expensive and sell out quickly). Tickets come on sale in April.

Survey:

Please fill in the <u>short survey</u>. We need to hear from everyone by <u>Noon on Thursday</u>, <u>Feb</u>. <u>16</u> so Morna can see if we have a balanced group who is willing to commit to this project. We will let you know the decision by Friday, February 17 at rehearsal. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you all through the survey. If you have any questions don't hesitate to email me: sandrap@shaw.ca