

Holdfast Community Choir

The Swamp Angels

Sunday 19th August

Rehearsals, Performances, Workshops and other activities

Sunday, 19th Closing Ceremony and Aussie Cabaret

All performers and volunteers welcome.

Meet in the foyer at 2:30pm for transport to the Roundhouse.

The Holdfast and Swamp Angels Choirs will be singing the KickstART! Rap, extracts from the Opera, and other songs.

Monday, 20th Whistler

Our own whistler, Mili, has already made the pilgrimage – sounds like a fabulous trip.

We need to make an early start, so it's **breakfast on Level 10 at 6:30am.**

Be in the lobby at 8:15am sharp for the bus.

Any later, and you'll be whistling in the wind.

Tuesday, 21st Homeward bound

Check out time is 11:00. Luggage will be securely stored in the meeting room at the YWCA.

The bus will collect us from YWCA at 4pm.

This allows sufficient time for travel to the airport, and checking in our large group. Countdown, ... Zero, ... **LIFT OFF!** is at 8pm.

Airport and departure tax - CAN\$15.00

Please pay your own at the Airport by cash or credit card.

Wednesday, 22nd shortest day of our lives

Time flies when you're having fun in Honolulu. Only 30 minutes in this day, but long enough for us to celebrate a very special day with Margo.

Happy Birthday, Margo!!

Thursday, 23rd back home

We are one, but we are many

And from Van-couver we've come

We shared a dream, and sang with one voice

We were all there as one.

Au revoir / See you later, mate

Members of the Holdfast Community Choir and the Swamp Angels will always treasure the very special moments we shared at KickstART! The integration of the Holdfast Choir and the Swamp Angels was just wondrous, and brought such joy to all of the participants, as well as our audiences. It will spur us on to even greater things.

While it will be sad to leave, we remain close together in harmony and spirit.

Thank yous from the HCC

There has been a fantastic group of people in Vancouver who have helped us in very many ways. Grateful thanks to:

Geoff McMurchie and the KickstART! Team for making it all possible;

Transportation Coordinator, Claire Robillard and the cheery volunteer drivers for transporting us safely, at all hours of the night and day;

Joan Robillard for tending to those who succumbed to various lurgis;

Ron Klassen for the loan of the camera tripods;

Cindy who clambered up into the theatre catwalk to record our main performance

Our own Lyn Earnshaw for keeping us all on time, on track, and together mentally and physically;

the members, family and friends of the Swamp Angels for their warm hospitality and friendship; & 100's and 100's and 100's of people throughout Vancouver who helped make this whole adventure so successful and enjoyable

Achievements

Apparently, the Sky Train ride taken by Josie, Marion, Paul, Lelsey, Nikki and Chris turned out to be a real adventure. At one stage, there were 3 groups of travellers at 3 different SkyTrain stations. Fortunately, everyone's training, and the overwhelming urge to sing 'as one voice' brought them back together at the Waterfront station. Our gallant knight, Sir Joel, who had never been on an escalator by himself, bravely jumped onto one to rescue two damsels in distress on the next level up. Well done Joel!

Good News

Great to see Joan Meister at the Opening ceremony and other KickstART! events. Joan has been one of the main people responsible for bringing Pat Rix to Vancouver several years ago, and for enabling the Holdfast Choir to come to KickstART!

We enjoyed meeting Trevor and Elisa at the Sushi Bar the other night. Trevor will be helping with the tenor sections from *My Life, My Love* during our final performance on Sunday.

Part way through dinner, Trevor announced "My car is going to expire", and rushed off to resuscitate it by feeding a nearby meter.

Aussie-Canuck cuisine

A small section of the Choir, ably led by Jayne Hewitson and Pat Luscombe, worked late into the night to prepare some fair dinkum Aussie fare of Pavlovas and Anzac biscuits for today's Roundhouse Party. Special thanks to Esther for helping with the Pavlovas and lending her kitchen equipment. Really great tucker, eh?

GST and PST refunds

As visitors to Canada, we can claim a refund for some of the tax paid on accommodation and on goods that we take home. We can't claim on food, services.

To claim your refund, fill out the forms in the "Tax Refund for Visitors" booklet, and return them by mail when after you get back to Adelaide. You will need the original receipts, so hang on to them! The total amount must be at least \$200 (before taxes), and the minimum amount for each item is \$50 (before taxes). While GST refund can be obtained for accommodation, we were not required to pay this at the YWCA. However, you may be able to claim a tax refund for any other accommodation you paid for in Canada.

Please note that you will **not** be able to obtain the tax refund at the airport. There are some stores and companies in Vancouver that offer to arrange the refund for you, but they charge a hefty 18% commission, so be patient and do it in Adelaide!

Canadian vocab for Aussies to learn

A *Loonie* is the name for a dollar, so called because of the loon bird on the coin. The loon makes a haunting sound on the lakes at night.

A *Toonie* is Two Loonies.

Goof – an Australian drongo??

Sleeve – you drink it!

Odds and ends

Following David Roche's entertaining and humorous performance, the Song *Drill ye tarriers drill* has been renamed *Drool ye tarriers drool*.

Really loved the Down Beats' contribution to Madame Josette's Nothing Sacred Cabaret, especially *Too many chromosomes to drive a car*.

Awards

Nominations are sought for various awards such as Mischievous Imp; Happy / Noisy / Naughty camper; and any other category worthy of similar recognition.

Patsy's Anzac biscuits

(made on Mt Barry Station in outback South Australia)

2 cups of rolled oats 1 cup of SR flour
1 cup sugar (all-purpose flour will do)

Put oats and sugar into a large bowl, sift flour over, mix all together.

Make a well in the middle of the dry ingredients.

400g margarine 2 tblspns golden syrup

Melt margarine and syrup, mix into the dry ingredients.

Dissolve 1 teaspoon of carb soda (baking soda) into 2 tablespoons of boiling water. Add to the mixture.

Place small teaspoonsful of mixture on a tray covered with bake (parchment) paper.

Allow 8-10cm spacing for spreading.

Bake in moderate oven (about 325C) for 15-20 minutes.

Makes up to 90 small biscuits.

Yummy!

Nocturnal walks

Pat and Andrew enjoyed many late night walks. A chance to unwind, stretch the legs, breathe the cool night air, and experience Vancouver's night life.

Their observational tally (mostly in the vicinity of the mysterious 'Lucky Rooms' on Union Street) included 3 racoons, 1 police breathalyser (with tow trucks on hand to relocate the vehicles of those over the limit), 1 domestic, 1 street fight, an attack on a removal van by an overhanging tree, numerous displaced persons, 1 pair of lost shoes, and umpteen flashing police cars. Irregularities aside, the walks were most enjoyable.