

Rehearsal Bulletin #7

11 March – *Our 10th Anniversary Year!*



1. **Welcome choristers!!** 6 rehearsals completed – 8 remaining.
2. **Weekly, choristers should:** Sign in on the attendance roster, pick up a rehearsal bulletin + handouts, and be in place on time at 7:29 p.m. Thank you!
3. **NEW! Distributions:** Rehearsal bulletin #7 (RB#7), 1 hymn sheet.
4. **NEW! Chorus rehearsal schedule UPDATED:** Please see the online calendar for time adjustments in our final 3 April rehearsals. Sign in to our Google Group, then click on 'Calendar' at the top of the page. It also is available on the Chorus website.
5. **NEW! Publicity bulletin insert:** Below is a suggested publicity announcement for publication use, bulletins or website, or for sending out via email to your contacts. It can be downloaded at the Chorus website under 'Resources'.

Celebration Chorus Worship Presentation: You are cordially invited to "An Expression of Gratitude" with the Celebration Chorus on Sunday, 18 April, International Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m., and Friday, 23 April, St. George's Church, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. The Chorus observes its Tenth Anniversary this year and this worship presentation will feature great hymns of worship with themes of sacrifice and gratitude. There is no admission charge and the concert is open to all communities. Come worship – invite a friend!

6. **NEW! PowerPoint slide:** Uploaded to the Chorus website under "Resources" is a PPT slide for churches using projected means of announcements. Download and send to your media team for promoting at your church. A soft copy has already been emailed to the Chorus.
7. **NEW! Publicity:** Invitation postcards are available at the registration table. Please take what you will use. Soft copy has already been distributed via email. A poster can be downloaded at the Chorus website.
8. **NEW! Upcoming Workshop!!** Thank you for responding! To date, 49 responses have been received which will positively impact the workshops offered. **Registration for this workshop will open next week, 18 March!** The workshop outline is printed below. The 3-session workshop will be held on 3 Saturdays in May, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. tentatively at IBC. Three sessions are \$80 individually or \$240 together. Discounts apply for registrations received before 15 April. \$190 for 3 sessions, \$130 for 2 sessions. Invite a friend – bring your music ministry team along!
9. **NEW! Artistry in Worship Workshop:** As announced above, Tom will be presenting a 3-session workshop for church musicians and worship leaders (tentatively) on Saturdays, 8, 15, 22 May, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Registration opens 18 March.** Dates and venue will confirm by next rehearsal. The sessions are as follows:

Session 1: Artistry in Voice – Vocal Development 1

Session 2: Artistry in Worship – Designing and Planning Creative Worship

Session 3: Artistry in Rehearsal – Repertoire and Rehearsal Planning

10. **NEW! Blog Time:** Tom is starting a weblog (blog) to communicate regularly with you, Celebration Chorus, and the general music and worship world. The name of the blog is Celebrate Choral Art. The purpose of the blog is stated as: "This blog is about music, worship, choral singing, performance, music ministry, and events in the life of Celebration Chorus." It will publish and go live **NEXT WEEK, 18 March at 6:00 a.m.** and will feature the upcoming workshop as its central communication item. I hope you will bookmark the blog for weekly items, commentary, communication, inspiration, and more!! Email it to a friend. Exciting things are ahead!!



Today's Quote

"The closer we come to God, the more we realize our distance."

11. **Seating Chart:** A seating chart is in effect tonight to best group singers within each section. Please leave your name card **IN YOUR SEAT** after each rehearsal. Choristers are not at liberty to move seating cards amongst themselves for the placements are allocated to project the best sounds from the chorus as a whole. There may be some adjustments so please be patient.
12. **Program booklet advertisements:** Please consider taking out an advertisement in the program booklet for this worship presentation. The advertisement form is at the registration table and online at our Google Groups site and website. Ads may be personal gratitude, in memorial, sales & services, and corporate. Take advantage of this opportunity for company visibility.
13. **Music article:** Thesis of this article is "Reading music is fundamentally superior to reading text for enhancing overall cognitive ability. Further, reading music is the best basic starting point for a child's first steps toward reading ability." See link below.
<http://superiorblog.blogspot.com/2010/02/oedipus-musical-cognitive-benefits-of.html#comment-form>
14. **Memorization:** We will memorize 2 anthems: *Medley of the Cross; Thou Art Worthy*. Please work to that end with these 2 anthems.
15. **Vocal coaching:** 18 March is full but observers are still welcome. Session times are 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. Vocalists please be sure to send scores via email to Leona Quek and pianist Leo Kusomo: Email addresses are: leonaquek@musician.org, Leo_Kusumo@yahoo.com.
16. **Venue confirmed:** We have confirmed our 2nd concert venue at St. George's Church for Friday, 23 April 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday were not open, so we confirmed the Friday opening. Chorus call time is 6:00 p.m.
17. **Join the Chorus Google Group:** Get connected to other choristers! Write or update your profile – include a photo – share a ride with someone. Not a member yet? Inform our webmaster, Colin Lim, (see email below) and he will send you an invitation to join.
18. **Section leaders:**
 - Tenors / basses: Colin Lim, colin@celebrationchorus.net
 - Sopranos: Grace Young, grace@celebrationchorus.net
 - Altos: Lim Lay Nee, laynee@celebrationchorus.net
 - Conductor: Tom Anderson, conductor@celebrationchorus.net
19. **Internet Banking Direct Deposit:** For those who use internet banking, it is straightforward to pay your season registration fees, make a gift to Celebration Chorus, or other financial transaction to CC by direct funds transfer. Once you have set up a bank funds transfer arrangement, you may make transactions any time you wish.

Each bank has slightly different instructions, but note these points:

1. In your internet banking site, set up the arrangement: go to 'Add New Other Bank Payee' (or similar). Use these details:
 - a. For your name (for display on CC's bank statement): please use a name (or shortened form) which we will recognize as uniquely you.
 - b. The Celebration Chorus ('payee') bank account details are these:
 - Payee bank code: 7375 (UOB)
 - Payee branch code: 307 (UOB Great World City)
 - Payee account number: 3073005874 [Note that all 10 digits are the Account number, even though '307' is also the branch code]
 - Name of payee: Celebration Chorus Ltd ('Celebration Chorus' is sufficient if you run out of space)
 - c. As for any One Time Payment, you will receive a special code by SMS on your hand phone, to use to authorize/confirm the arrangement.
20. **No Fragrances please!** When we request 'no perfumes, colognes, lotions or fragrances' please take it seriously. Such fragrances cause mucus membranes in the nose, sinuses, and throat to swell and secrete. They negatively affect the vocal mechanism and are too strong to inhale when standing in close proximity to one another. Thank you.