

The True Value of Choir and Song



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attention was recently drawn to a fascinating report from the American Episcopal Church entitled "Hymn Revision Feasibility Study".

Like many denominations in the English speaking world, the Episcopal Church undertook to consider updating "The Hymnal 1982" by surveying 13,000 parishioners all over the USA. The survey included members of the congregation, clergy, music directors, bishops and seminarians. The question was:

Do you think that a new version of the hymnal is needed?

Here is part of the Summary of the Report:

The results were astounding. The age groups that least supported the option to change were the under 29 and over 70. One of the conclusions was that young people and youth want something stable in their lives and that is the music in the church. In identifying with this, they are in fact being counter-cultural – going against everything they experience in other avenues of their lives.

Some quotes from the Report:

A congregational member wrote: "I'm a refugee from a non-denominational church where the 'praise band' was very emotional, very repetitive, and very oriented toward the congregation telling God how much they loved him, needed him etc. ...but often when you come to church, you're running

on fumes – you're dry, hurting. ...there is a rising trend among evangelical women of finding the church to be empty, tiring, and irrelevant. There is a rising interest among them in going to a 'house church' (for community) or a traditional church (for depth and transcendence)."

"...there is no pattern in which youth correlates with a particular movement towards new forms of musical expression."

"That 13,000 people took the time to complete a lengthy survey... shows how central The Hymnal 1982 is to the life of the Episcopal Church. ...A rush to revise the hymnal could seriously undermine and weaken the church, alienating those who have remained through difficult times."

"...choir quality is related to congregational vitality ...quality music does appear to be an important factor in maintaining the vitality of the congregation."

To read further, fire up your favourite web browser and Google the *US Episcopal Church Hymnal Revision Feasibility Study*. You'll find the Results on page 14, Conclusions begin on page 65.

Welcome to 2013, the year of ORGELFEST. HAPPY NEW YEAR

- Moira Hayes

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Around Town

Sunday, January 13, 2013, 7:30 p.m. Opus Four flute quartet: Cathy Baerg, Diana Lam, Loyda Lastra, Kelly Richardson, returns to St. Luke's for an evening of new and delightful music for the flute family. St. Luke's Church: 760 Somerset Street West (3 blocks west of Bronson Ave). Admission by donation. Info: www. stlukesottawa.ca, music@stlukesottawa.ca, Tel (613) 235-3416.

Sunday, January 27, 2013, 7:30 p.m. Sarah Molenaar (clarinet) with Cécile Desrosiers (piano). An evening of clarinet works showcasing the lyrical qualities of the clarinet including music of Reade, Gaubert, and Poulenc among others. St. Luke's Church: 760 Somerset Street West (3 blocks west of Bronson). Admission by donation. www.stlukesottawa.ca, music@stlukesottawa.ca, Tel (613) 235-3416.

Sunday, February 10, 2013, 7:30 p.m. Denis Boudreault (tenor) with Frédéric Lacroix (piano). Franz Schubert's masterpiece Die schöne Müllerin: a cycle of German lieder that follows the journey of a young miller through love, happiness, jealousy, and disillusions. St. Luke's Church: 760 Somerset Street West (3 blocks west of Bronson Ave). Admission by donation. Info: www.stlukesottawa.ca, music@stlukesottawa.ca, Tel (613) 235-3416.

Sunday, February 24, 2013, 7:30 p.m. Garry Elliott (guitar). Enjoy an evening of classical guitar music. St. Luke's Church: 760 Somerset Street West (3 blocks west of Bronson Ave). Admission by donation. Info: www.stlukesottawa.ca, music@stlukesottawa.ca, Tel (613) 235-3416.

Sunday, March 10, 2013, 7:30 p.m. Aditi Magdalena (viola). Celtic Kaleidoscope: A collage of styles from the diaspora of Celtic nations -- including classical standards with a folkie accent, plus original Celtic fusion arrangements. St. Luke's Church: 760 Somerset Street West (3 blocks west of Bronson Ave).

Admission by donation. Info: www.stluke-sottawa.ca, music@stlukesottawa.ca, Tel (613) 235-3416.

Sunday, March 24, 2013, 7:30 p.m. Ottawa Celtic Choir (Ellen MacIsaac, conductor). O'er the Waves: The Ottawa Celtic Choir presents an evening of songs of the Celtic diaspora. St. Luke's Church: 760 Somerset Street West (3 blocks west of Bronson Ave). Admission by donation. Info: www.stlukesottawa.ca, music@stlukesottawa.ca, Tel (613) 235-3416.

Sunday, April 7, 2013, 7:30 p.m.
Trillium: Cathy Baerg (flute), Steven
Smith (cello) and Joan Milliken (piano).
Some of Trillium's favourite repertoire
as well as some new treats will make this
an evening of music you won't want to
miss. St. Luke's Church: 760 Somerset
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A Double Honour

Moira Hayes

Mai-yu Chan and her husband Gordon Foster were honoured recently when they each received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal on November 2nd at the Canadian War Museum. General Ramsey Withers presented their medals.

Musicians would be happy to learn that professional musicians were on hand to perk up the ceremony with a string quartet, a singer and a piper!

This honour was given to them by the Friends of the Canadian War Museum for their considerable volunteer work at the War Museum and with other organizations.

Mai-yu's citation included volunteer work with the Chinese Community and the Royal Canadian College of Organists, among others.



General Ramsay Withers presenting the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal to Mai-Yu Chan



Mai-yu continues her significant contribution to the RCCO as Co-ordinator of Volunteers for Orgelfest 2013 next August. She will be happy to hear from you if you can, in turn, volunteer some time for the festival, thereby contributing to its success. Contact her at 613-726-0818 or by email at foster@rogers.com.

Mai-Yu, Gordon: Wear your honours with pride. You are both most worthy recipients.

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Heather Rice, ARCT, BMus, ARCCO (ChM). Welcomes students in piano, organ, voice and theory, Beginner - Intermediate, Children - Adult. Call 613-563-1409

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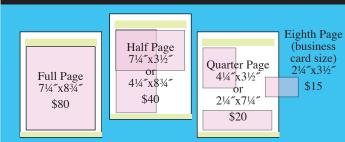
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