

MAPLE LEAF SINGERS
- 2015 -
THE YEAR IN PERFORMANCE

Well it's been quite a year for Maple Leaf Singers. After a brief hiatus over Christmas we resumed rehearsals on the twelfth of January, and that very next month followed with a performance at Guardian Angels Parish in Vancouver's West End.

At the end of January, a voice class with Craig Tompkins, helped us resume the assault on a new repertoire for our annual Spring Show; May thirtieth and thirty-first at Massey Theatre, New Westminster. If you haven't been, mark it on your calendar as a must in May of 2016.

The Spring Show is a wonderful event with a large attendance of family, friends and busloads of seniors we've performed for throughout the year. Always enjoyable, the Show is a welcome marking of the half year, that's traditionally followed by a party at chorus members Ken and Marilyn Rushton's where we often re-sing the show's program, just because we can and we love it. Sorry, chorus members only.

The party's just a blast, and a fitting kick off to a summer hiatus before beginning the Fall program's rehearsals in early September.

This year we are having our first public Christmas Show as a precursor to establishing it as a permanent event in our calendar.

It's a wonderful program filled with the emotions that surround Christmas; From the jaunty traditional "Holly Jolly Christmas" to the beautiful "Song on a Winter's Night" by Gordon Lightfoot, whose touching sentiment often has us tearing up as we sing. I'm sure though, by showtime, we'll be toughened up, but you never know, it's just so beautiful.

By year end we'll have performed at twenty four venues all over the Lower Mainland, entertained and brought joy to countless seniors whose appreciation extends from hearty applause to outright dancing in the aisles.

It's been such a pleasure, and a remarkable bonus for us, to practice what we love and to see it have such effect.

If you know someone in our chorus, and want to join us this Christmas, I'm afraid you're too late. Tickets flew off the turn-styles, but we'll be at a larger venue next year. So keep a look out early next year for our announcement, or if you know someone in our chorus be sure to contact them. And, as I said, put a note in your calendar for our Spring Show, last weekend in May 2016. Not to be missed!

All the proceeds from our Spring Shows and now our first Christmas Show go directly to our support, gas and repairs for our truck, costumes and audio equipment. So a worthwhile cause, and as I said, a fabulous show.

Join us. Bring your family and friends. You'll be glad you did.