

## Cappella Nova Outreach Newsletter, Autumn 2023

It's not so long since our last Newsletter, but already there seems plenty more to share. Read on for a number of Seasonal opportunities in December, meanwhile everything in strict chronological order...

### ***Game Changing Musicals...***

If you are a lover of The Musicals, you won't want to miss out on this opportunity to learn more about the four Musicals which changed the entire genre and had a significant impact on its general development. Libby Crabtree brings 20 years' experience performing in London's West End, singing on countless film backing tracks and live tours of cabaret shows, to tell you all about *Show Boat* (1927), *Oklahoma* (1943), *A Chorus Line* (1975), and *Evita* (1979). As well as learning about the significant changes each show brought about, Libby will lead you through the most popular songs from each one.

*Game Changing Musicals* is presented as part of the University of Strathclyde Centre for Lifelong Learning programme, and will take place 10.30am-1.00pm on Thursdays and Fridays 10, 11, 16 & 17 November. [Bookings here](#).

### ***Cappella Nova Outreach in association with Musica Sacra Scotland...***

Cappella Nova Outreach's 'community liturgical choir' *St Columbkille's Schola Cantorum* continues to meet approximately once a month to sing at the 4.00pm Sunday Mass in the magnificently beautiful, neo-Romanesque [St Columbkille's Church](#) in Rutherglen, G73 2SL. Anyone who loves singing (it's ecumenical in every way – you don't have to be religious, just respectful of the context) is welcome to participate with us in this: simply indicate that on Cappella Nova's [Contact Form](#), and we shall gladly add you to the Schola circulation list with no obligation. As part of the pre-Mass rehearsal there are always tips on healthy singing. There's no charge/subscription. **Our next dates are Sunday 12 November – and Sunday 24 December...**

### ***Cappella Nova Outreach in association with Alzheimer Scotland...***

A warm welcome is extended to all regular participants in our various other group-singing activities and their friends who would like to support and join in in these fun singalong sessions, *We Sing Together Café*. Led by Bill & Hilary Jones at Alzheimer Scotland's Resource Centre at 81-91 Oxford Street Glasgow G5 9EP (handy for buses and Bridge Street Station Subway, and a 10-minute walk across the Clyde from Glasgow Central Station), the next Session takes place on Friday 17 November 1.30 for 2.00-3.00pm, and thereafter on the third Friday of the month. If you would like to participate in these Sessions at any time and are not already on the specific circulation list, simply indicate this on [Contact Form](#).

### ***...and news on 'The Piano'...***

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to a number of you contributing so generously to our recent appeal, Cappella Nova has now been able to purchase the piano previously on lease to Alzheimer Scotland, so its home at the Oxford Street Centre is now secured – thank you so much again for your support!

## *Christmas Time is Almost Here...*

In the world of choirs, this is an indisputable fact!

First up, *A Big Festive Sing* returns on Tuesday 12 December, 10.30am-12.45pm in Glasgow's Renfield Centre. With the guidance of the Cappella Nova Outreach Team, join with participants from The Morning Choir and Health and Wellbeing through Song in some gentle warming-up, breathing and vocal exercises to encourage good use of the voice before enjoying singing along to a variety of well-loved Festive songs - there is no need to be able to read music, since everything will be sung by the leaders so that the recalling of the songs is achieved "by ear". Then sit back and enjoy some less usual songs performed by the two groups. Facilities are available throughout the Workshop, and we all take a tea/coffee break half way through the Workshop. [Tickets available here.](#)



On the following Tuesday, 19 December 1.00-2.00pm, come and enjoy some Festive cheer with *The Morning Choir* who will sing at *The University Carol Service* in the magnificent surroundings of the Strathclyde University's Barony Hall. Join them in some familiar Christmas Songs and Carols, following which there will be the opportunity to catch up with old

friends over 'Christmas Refreshments'. Admission free: all welcome.

And, on Sunday 24 December (yes, Christmas Eve!), a special invitation is extended to join with Cappella Nova Outreach's 'community liturgical choir' *St Columbkille's Schola Cantorum* to sing at the *Christmas Nativity Mass*, when St Columbkille's Church will be looking its very best! During the pre-Mass rehearsal at 3.00pm, we shall refresh the familiar Christmas Carols and a few simple chants, already to go for the 4.00pm celebration. If you would like to participate in this, simply indicate accordingly on the [Contact Form](#).



## ***Into the New Year with Cappella Nova Outreach at and in association with Strathclyde University's Centre for Lifelong Learning...***

**Bookings are open** for the New Year Term group-singing opportunities:-

***The Morning Choir:*** 10.30am-12.30pm on Tuesdays 23 January to 12 March 2024, led by Alan Tavener.

***Health and Wellbeing through Song for Beginners:*** 10.30am-12.30pm on Tuesdays 23 January to 12 March 2024, led by Anne Lewis.

***Health and Wellbeing through Song for Improvers:*** 1.15-3.15pm on Tuesdays 23 January to 12 March 2024, led by Anne Lewis.

***NEW!! – The Joy of Jazz through Song II:*** 10.30am-12.30pm on Wednesdays 24 January to 20 March 2024, led by Bill Jones. Following on from the success of the first outing, Bill returns to offer another musical journey through the story of jazz, delving into its blues and spiritual roots, investigating the art of some of the great musicians and composers and singing some of the classic melodies. There will be a chance to sing in parts, to improvise, croon and scat! The ability to read music is not a requirement – just the enthusiasm to have a go...

## ***The Scottish Plainsong Choir, Cappella Nova's 'community choir'...***

On Sunday 28 January 2024 in the afternoon, we have the opportunity to sing Compline at Dunblane Cathedral, a new location for the Scottish Plainsong Choir. We shall rehearse and workshop the previous morning in Glasgow. If you would like to participate in this project and are not already on the specific circulation list, simply indicate this on **Contact Form**. Further information can be found on **the Choir's webpage**.



## ***...and finally***

Cappella Nova the organisation is overseen by a loyal Board of Directors, whose combined areas of expertise are musical, financial, legal and management. We are currently seeking to recruit a new, additional Director who can bring some knowledge and experience of educational and/or community practice. We would be glad to speak with anyone without obligation who would like to know more about this, in which case email me, or indicate this on the **Contact Form**.

With every good wish.

Alan Tavener

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