

SMCS Alumni Newsletter



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Also, is any class thinking of a reunion? – getting together with classmates?

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If you have any information that you would like to have included in future newsletters to share with classmates and other alumni please send it by email to barbara.grise@tcdsb.org or call 416-393-5518 ext. 6043



From the Director's desk

Tomorrow is the last day of school for the boys so the air here is filled with eager anticipation of summer. Closing Ceremonies are complete, recitals are finished, exams are done and textbooks are being stored away until September. The annual rites for June mark the end of another school year: the 74th time this has happened. Summer months give everyone cause to slow down, enjoy time with family and re-charge. We have much to look forward to in September and I invite **all alumni** to join us.

Next fall the celebrations for 75 years of service and education begin. From September until the end of June 2013, events and activities are being planned to commemorate and honour all of the people who have played a role in the history of our school. You are part of that illustrious honour roll!

I especially hope that you will consider attending our first ever **Homecoming Weekend** (October 19th & 20th). Under the expert leadership of Mrs. Barbara Gris , Manager of Alumni Affairs, this weekend promises to be filled with enough activities to interest everyone. Please save the date. You can expect to hear about all the wonderful plans shortly after Labour Day.

The Choir School stands strong on Bond Street today because of the legacy you helped create during your time as a student. Thank you.

I wish for you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Ed McCall, SMCS'79
Director



Dear Alumni,

The Choir School continues to be a place of excellence. This year, both the C.D. Howe Institute and the Fraser Institute publically named our school as being among the top academic schools in the province. We know, however, that our strength is demonstrated by the choral service provided weekly in the cathedral as well as by the calibre of our graduates.

The lasting bonds formed by alumni with one another and with the school are remarkable for a school of our size. It is impressive how our alumni, in addition to gathering to socialize, will show up to sing at special occasions, sing at various tenebrae services throughout southern Ontario, come back to sing at the Cathedral during Holy Week and collaborate to organize musical gala events. The strength of our school today is nourished by the service that alumni continue to provide for their younger brothers (sons) such as presenting at our annual Career Night, offering to be mentors

for current students, helping struggling families through support of the foundation, endowing scholarships and by providing examples of what it means to be community-oriented family men of faith.

Plans are under way to mark the 75th anniversary of our school's founding with various events, including a homecoming weekend to coincide with our Founders' Day concert. We are grateful for the role Barbara Gris  has taken on, reaching out through the Alumni Newsletters and encouraging all of you to 'come home' during this coming academic year. We are grateful for our alumni, and we look forward to seeing you.

Barry White
Principal

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Friday and Saturday October 19th and 20th

Celebrate with classmates and former teachers!!

Under construction



**we urgently need some engineers (idea men) and volunteers to make this a great success
please send me any ideas that you would like to see implemented**

the roster of events is still in the planning stage
beginning with the Fall Concert on Friday in the Cathedral.

Saturday will include sports activities, such as ball hockey, basketball, etc. (Jim Codrington is our man)
What better way to celebrate than in song with rehearsal and singing at the 5:00 pm Mass in the Cathedral,
followed by drinks and dinner.

After dinner anyone who wishes could perform at a very special Jam Night.

GALA NEWS

**- Gala Concert at Roy Thomson Hall -
January 21, 2013**

Get ready for a **memorable evening** of **great entertainment** from some of the alumni and friends.
The committee is working hard and plans are well underway. More information will be sent to you in the fall.

SMCS ALUMNI HELPING OTHERS

If **any one** of you could help the **present students** find summer jobs please contact Mrs. Melatti-Zanette at
alexandria.melatti-zanette@tcdsb.org at the Choir School.

We could post the opportunity on our bulletin board. Also, for any time of year a mentorship possibility in any field would be welcome.

The Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer

Paul Whittam '75 Participant # 560886-9, Richard Ross '76 Participant # 560929-5 and Tony Bursley '86 Participant #563824-8 thank you for your kind support.



Paul and Richard



Tony

More than \$21,000.00 was raised on their behalf for the Princess Margaret Hospital. **Congratulations** to **all** three of you for a great ride!!



McDermott House Canada - Music in the Key of Giving



John is very happy to announce the following fundraising concert on behalf of McDermott House Canada:

The Glenn Gould Studio - October 26, 2012

Sauna Rolston (cellist) and **Erika Raum** (violin)

CONGRATULATIONS



Many of you will remember studying piano with **Mr. William Pengelly**.

Congratulations!! Mr. Pengelly has completed 50 years – yes 50 years of teaching piano here at the Choir School.

THEN and NOW – 1937 – 2012

I received the following letter after the first publication of the newsletter was printed and I thought that the younger alumni might like to find out first-hand how things were in the beginning

When I joined **St. Michael's Cathedral Scola Cantorum**, we had 3 classes taught by Kathleen Mann, grades 5 & 6; Joan Hopperton, 7 & 8; and Brother Cleophas 9 & 10. Harold Armstrong was the organist and part time director when "The Doc" was not available.

The voices I remember at that time were Barney McKeever, a great tenor; Walter Ross, a large man whose "basso profundo" large lips would tremble more and more the lower his voice went; and the Goodenough brothers. Fame came with the Four Lads and the Crew Cuts. (I had no idea at that time how great a musician Fr. Barrett Armstrong would turn out to be.)

The only trips I can recall were to Ottawa and London Ontario. One other concert was in some farm town where the stage was built in a barn out of 2"x10" planks that moved when you walked on them.

As I re-read the newsletter, I was astounded at the plethora of talent being produced and/or enhanced at SMCS. The world-wide trips bringing pleasure to other people and fame to the school is a great accomplishment as are the individual musicians of fame. The leaders of church choirs, organists, all alumni and present students from SMCS are fulfilling Father John Edward Ronan's aspirations.

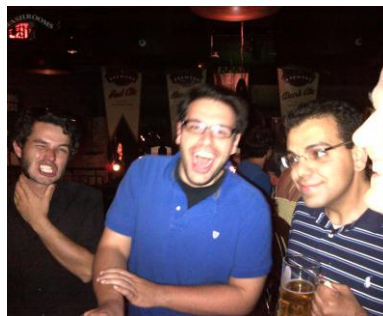
Looking forward to future newsletters – **Tom Angellotti '51** *(printed with permission)*

REUNION for 2012

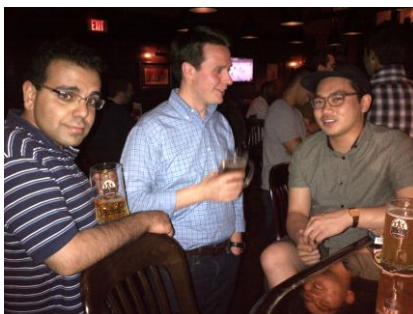
The class of **2002** held their **10 year** reunion at the Three Brewers on Saturday, June 9th with more than 20 of the 30 classmates in attendance. Our principal **Barry White** was also present to meet some new faces.



Marco Margani and James Wielgosz



Brent Lessard, Chris Girardo and Christian Farahat



Christian Farahat, Phil Cartwright and Kevin Centeno

Upcoming Concerts



Conductor, composer, organist and pianist **Kerry Beaumont '75** is the Director of Music at Coventry Cathedral, U.K.

If you happen to be in **England**, make time to hear **Kerry**.

Monday, September 29, 1:00 pm - Coventry Cathedral

Saturday, October 11, 2:00 pm - Radley College Chapel, Oxford.

Conductor, Royal School of Church Music Oxford Annual Choirs' Festival

Saturday, December 20, 4:00 pm - Coventry Cathedral, England



As associate director of music at **St. Bartholomew's Church** in New York City, **Paolo Bordignon '92** organist and harpsicordist recently presented a series of ten recitals in residence at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Department of Musical Instruments. With the Clarion Music Society, he gave the world première of some newly-rediscovered, unpublished works of Felix Mendelssohn, including a Sonata for Violin and Pianoforte, and the composer's only surviving song cycle.

Paolo helps to oversee one of the nation's preeminent church music programs. He directs the Boy & Girl Choristers, and plays the Aeolian-Skinner pipe organs of the Chapel and Church, the latter being one of the world's largest. Deeply committed to training the next generation of musicians, he serves on the VOICE Choral Music Charter School board of directors and is on the faculty of **Westminster Choir College** in Princeton, N.J.

He recently performed with the New York Philharmonic, with Pinchas Zukerman as conductor/violinist, and also with the New York Philharmonic Ensembles at Merkin Hall and will perform with the Westminster Choir College Organ Institute - June 25 to July 7 in Princeton, NJ.

Organix Festival organizer **Gordon Mansell, '75** will be performing five organ concerts in **Poland** this summer.

Before the June 10th concert of the **Victoria Scholars**, **John Terauds**, from the **Toronto Star** wrote: "One of the Toronto choral directors I respect the most, **Jerzy Cichocki '77**, leads an intriguing concert programme on Sunday afternoon by his **Victoria Scholars** male chorus. With the help of organist **William O' Meara** they present rich music that includes Anton Bruckner's heroic setting of *Helgoland*. Other composers on the programme are Charles Stanford, Aaron Copland, Veljo Tormis and the underappreciated Amy Beach." *Toronto Star June 9, 2012*

Richard Vicente '10, a vocal performance student at **McGill University**, accompanied by **David Simon '11** will be giving vocal recitals throughout the summer at Mazzolini Hall, St. Mark's and St. Clement's Church during July and August.

St. Michael's Choir School 2012 Graduates



On the 22nd of June we welcomed the following into the Choir School Alumni Association as they graduated in a ceremony in the Cathedral. It is our hope that university will help fulfil their dreams, but that they will continue to sing and use their gift of music throughout their lives.

Samuel Abraham - University of Ontario, Institute of Technology - Commerce
Adrian Autencio - York University - Sociology
Joseph Crimi - University of Toronto - Economics
John Declaro - University of Waterloo - Nanotechnology Engineering
Oliver DeVega - University of Toronto - Biology
Andrew Fekete - York University - Law and Society
Aidan Gunda - Queen's University - Engineering
Adrian Luk - University of Ottawa - Electrical Engineering
Brian Malczyk - University of Toronto - Peace, Conflict and Justice Studies
Genosh Manuelpillai - University of Ontario, Institute of Technology- Nuclear Engineering
Timothy Paddon - Western University - Music
Josh Pellerin - York University - Music
Jean Picotte - McGill University - Industrial Relations and East Asian Studies
Michael Pitino - University of Toronto - Life Science

Filipe Santos - University of Toronto - English
Adam Tillie – Ryerson University – Ted Rogers School of Management
Enrico Valenzuela - Sir Wilfred Laurier University - Health Sciences

On June 23rd **Harry Hodson '60** our former conductor, principal and director, spoke to the graduates at their Graduation Dinner and welcomed them into the **Choir School Alumni Association**.



Each year as part of the Liturgical music programme the **Grade 12's** sing at a Lenten Mass at **St. Augustine's Seminary**.

SCHOLARSHIPS
at the Closing Ceremonies Part I



Mr. & Mrs. Garrow presented **Michael Avila** and **Adam Ierullo-Woloszczak**
with the **Sean Garrow Memorial Scholarship**

John Declaro '12 is the recipient of the newly created **Sir Louis H. Parsons Memorial Scholarship** in memory of **Lou Parsons '43**,



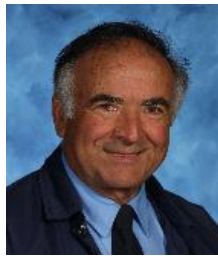
Sir Louis H. Parsons

a graduate and longtime friend of **St. Michael's Choir School** who passed away in 2011. Mr. Parsons devoted his life to public service as the Chair of Peel Region and later as chairman of GO Transit. He was the nephew of Archbishop Pocock and in 1985 was named a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory, the highest order the Catholic Church can bestow on a lay member of the church. It is awarded to a graduating student from St. Michael's Choir School who best exemplifies the qualities of humility and service to others while demonstrating the greatest potential for future leadership.



Lou's son Tim Parsons and grandson **Kevin** presented **John Declaro** with the newly minted scholarship.

CELLINO TROZZO is RETIRING



After over **30** years of faithful service to each of us at the **Choir School**, **Cellino Trozzo** will be retiring this summer. I am sure many of you remember this **“Prince of a Man”** who looked after every one of our needs no matter how large or small. He will be missed terribly – we wish him well and do hope that he enjoys many happy years of retirement.

ENTREPRENEURS

‘MORE MATT’

Choir school training launched jazz singer Matt Dusk's career

Written by Allison Hunwicks, photo by Sara Zickuhr, copied from 'The Catholic Register', Sunday, June 03, 2012



Matt Dusk '97, a graduate of **St. Michael's Choir School** in Toronto, is an acclaimed jazz musician and Juno nominee who is currently working on his 4th studio album. - Toronto-born jazz artist Matt Dusk originally got into the music business because of a cow.

"I don't know if you remember, but there was this television commercial with a singing cow for HP," said Dusk, and as though to jog the memory he croons out a snippet of a jingle in his signature silky tone, complete with "moo" at the end. Although, a more dulcet cow sound is scarce to be found.

"I would go through the halls of St. Mike's (Choir School) and sing it — it was a funny commercial at the time and kind of a cheesy thing. One of my buddies said to me 'why don't you give it a try?' and there was this all-girls school that had a variety night. So, I bought some karaoke tapes and wore a white suit and did all this stuff, and the girls went crazy," Dusk told The Catholic Register, laughingly. Thus, a star was born.

Dusk, a critically acclaimed jazz musician, has been nominated for a Juno award and is about to release his fourth studio album. Incidentally, he is also warm, down-to-earth and extremely funny. He studied jazz at York University with the legendary Oscar Peterson after receiving his early training at St. Michael's Choir School.

"Being at the **choir school** was an amazing opportunity not only from the music side of things, but also touring around the world and meeting people," said Dusk. "It got me into where I am today... I guess at a very young age being there and learning and being immersed in music every day, is it really a surprise that I'm still in music?"

On Saturday June 22nd the band of **Jim Codrington '82, Sean Mulrone y '78, and Joe Mulrone y '82 and Marco Mancini** (friend) appearing as "The Brothers Hepp" entertained along with **Nicholas Manalo '13** on drums at the **Canadian Association of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (CAPMR)** Annual Conference at the Hyatt Regency. They were hired by **Dr. John Flannery** (father of Connor in Grade 8 and Jack Grade 5 at SMCS). John himself sang Jimmy Buffet's "Margaritaville". So, at one point we had 3 Choir School alumni, one Choir School student, and one Choir School parent jamming together. It was something else (*says Jim*).

Where are they now

Edward Moroney '66, is the accompanist for the **Orpheus Choir** in Toronto. In their last concert the choir sang his new Latin "Gloria" as part of a set of works by Canadian composers.

Also, he has written a hymn that was performed in Ottawa to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, with the Governor-General in attendance and the Canadian Army playing.



Anthony ten Kortenaar '73 is Vice President of Sales of **Joanne Fabrics Inc.** 600 Main Street, Tonawanda, New York Tel: 905.491.3920 www.jffabrics.com



Welcome back to Canada to **Rob McTeague '82**, the Senior Vice President with Business Development at **BCD World Travel** as he will be living in the Newmarket area. rob.mcteague@worldtravel.com



Michael Garrow '94 is now working for **Blackstone** in **New York City** as Vice President in the Hedge Fund Solutions Group after being in Asia for many years. Since joining Blackstone in 2006, he has been involved in the research of Asian hedge funds, focusing on non-equity strategies.



Giacomo Tarascio '99 is teaching here at the **Choir School**.



Darryn de Souza '00 has been resident **Musical Director** with **Milton Youth Theatre Productions** since its inception. Presently he is the pianist for the **Canadian Tenors**, and is now in London England, taping a TV show. He was also the accompanist for Jann Arden in the Rick Hansen anniversary show.



Osbert Zalay '00 graduated with a **PhD in Biomedical Engineering** in '11 and is now in medicine at **Queen's University**.



Daniel Bezjak '01 graduated with a **Bachelor of Applied Technology** degree in **Construction Science and Management** from **George Brown College**. In 2011 he was awarded the **Peter Gilgan Entrepreneurship Award**.

Philip Cartwright '02 holds a **Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management (Hons.)** from **Carleton University** and is a key member of **Global Public Affairs** in Ottawa. As a Senior Consultant, Philip manages client strategies across a range of sectors including rail, air and marine for regulatory, legislative and policy development exercises. Philip's clients include a major airline, tourism operators, resource producers and shippers and trade industry associations, among others. After living abroad in South Africa, Philip joined Global Public Affairs from the Privy Council Office, where he worked in various secretariats including Machinery of Government, Cabinet Confidences and Senior Personnel and Special Projects.

Mark D'Souza '02 obtained his MD at **Queens University**, and did his family medicine training at the **University of Western Ontario**, and is now completing his emergency medicine training at the **University of Manitoba**. Mark received his **ARCT "Piano Performers"** in 2004

Congratulations to **Michael Evans '03** for completing his year at **Faculty of Education** in Toronto.

Fletcher Agostino '03 is living in Toronto doing a Doctorate at **York University**.

Peter Wu '03 is in Toronto doing a residency at **St. Michael's Hospital** in **Internal Medicine**.

David D'Souza '04 is in his final year of medical school at the **University of Ottawa**. He is also the president of the Ottawa Medical students for Life as well as on the board of Directors of the Canadian Physicians for Life. David received his **"Teachers" ARCT** in 2007.

Mark Tsou '08 attends the **University of Waterloo** in **Environment and Business** and is now on an 8 month co-op work term with **Siemens Canada**.

Walter Mahabir '08, John Schneider '08 and **Alexander Pachete '11** have just returned from a singing tour in **Austria** with the choir from **York University**

LOST BOYS

We are trying to get in touch with as many of the former students as possible and if you know the whereabouts of any of the following please forward an address or an email contact to me. Thank you.

from '73

Czaba Leskowsky, James Darling

'78

Warren Laws, John Staples, Brian Gow

'82

Stephen Connelly, Cameron MacKinnon
'84
Michael Connelly
'85
John Longo and Peter Gibson
'88
Elia Edwards, Jonathan Myers, Marco Koechli
'89
Chris Baillie and Paolo Rovazzi
'92
Paul Zawarynski

In Memorium

Our condolences to **George Kékesi '81** on the death of his wife, **Sonja**, May 11, 2012 and thank you to each one of you who so generously gave of your time to attend and sing at the Memorial Mass on June 13th.
A choir of alumni conducted by **Paul Townshend '75** certainly made the Mass a celebration to remember.

Sincere sympathy to the family of **Daniel Mothersill '69** on news of his sudden death on May 12, 2012, two weeks prior to his ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.

and to **John Warecki '82** on the death of his mother June 14, 2012.

Sympathy and prayers to **P. J. O'Donnell '89** whose mother **Mary O'Donnell**, passed away on June 26th 2012. **Mary** was a very active member of the **Parents Auxiliary** in the 80's.

OCTOBER 2012

September marks the beginning of the **75th anniversary** of the opening of the **Cathedral Choir School** in 1937.

October 15, 2012 marks the **50th anniversary** of **Monsignor Ronan's** death. A concert, possibly on **Sunday, October 14th**, is being planned for **St. James Church** in **Colgan, Ontario**, Monsignor's birthplace. More information will be sent to you as plans are confirmed. All are welcome to come and sing.

October 19, 2012 - St. Michael's Choir School Fall Concert in St. Michael's Cathedral

SAVE the DATE

December 6, 2012 - The Mistletones - in the Concert Hall at York University

Sunday, December 9, 2012 - Alumni Choir - Concert in Brantford conducted by Philip Sarabura

Tuesday, December 11, 2012 - The Mistletones - Concert at the Glenn Gould Studio

Saturday, December 15, 2012 - 7:30 pm - St. Michael's Choir School Annual Christmas Concert - Massey Hall

Sunday, December 16, 2012 - 3:00 pm - St. Michael's Choir School Annual Christmas Concert - Massey Hall

Friday, December 21, 2012 - Victoria Scholars - Blessed Sacrament Church - 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 23, 2012 - Victoria Scholars - Our Lady of Sorrows Church - 7:30 pm