

PRAIRIE VOICES KICK-OFF WEEKEND!

We started things off with a bang at our fun and exhilarating opening weekend. The weekend started with a LOT of rehearsing and ended with a barbeque, graciously hosted by the Harris'.

Prairie was also lucky enough to have the University of Manitoba's Mel Braun come do a workshop with us. It was great to be working on vowels, breathing, and tuning within the first few minutes of the year. We are very grateful to Mel for starting us off on the right foot.

As always we had two bonding nights, one with our sections and the other as a choir. The first night was with our sections and was a laid back way to get to know the people you will be singing with the most. We then did some bowling on Saturday, which led to silly bowling nicknames and singing Journey's "Don't stop believing" at the top of our lungs.

The weekend ended at the Harris' farm. We took group and individual pictures and were able to feast on a great barbeque. Thanks to Mr. Harris for barbequing, David Lewis for taking the amazing group picture and Amanda Buhse for taking the individual bio pictures.

All in all it was a great weekend, we were able to reunite with our old friends, while making some new ones. We all eagerly await our first concert and the debut of our new Artistic Director Nathan Poole, we will see you there!

LOOKING AHEAD

The 2010/2011 season is starting with quite a few performances! We start off the year at Calvin Christian School for their Thanksgiving Banquet on October 9. We then move on to performing at the new Niverville Heritage Center on November 6. This just means that we will be all warmed up and ready to perform for you for our first concert hosted by Prairie Voices – Between Friends. We are very excited to be singing with the Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Chamber Choir, directed by Cynthia Peyson Wahl, and the Steinbach Regional Secondary School Chamber Choir, under the direction of former Prairie Voices Artistic Director, Kristel Peters.

Between Friends is taking place at Westminster United Church on November 20 at 7:30 and will be a colourful scope of Canadian and world-wide music. The mass choir will be starting us off with a Finnish song of welcome, and sending us off with a classic Gospel piece. Hold onto your hats 'cause its gonna be a great show!

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD,

My name is Nathan Poole, and I'm proud to be able to call myself the new director of Prairie Voices. My summer was devoted to making this the best season Prairie Voices has yet to offer.

Our season starts with Between Friends, and we've invited Daniel McIntyre Collegiate and Steinbach Regional Secondary to come and join Prairie in our first concert of the season. Between friends always showcases a mixed bag of choral music, be ready for some big surprises! Our winter concert, titled "With A Lily In Your Hand" will feature several new Canadian works, plus the world premier of an arrangement of a Canadian folk song by Manitoba's own Michael Cutler. Our annual dessert concert, "When Daisies Pied" will feature highlights from our year, and will include performances from the talented choristers that make up Prairie Voices.

The sounds that have been coming from the choir have been amazing. This is a choir that likes to work hard to present unique choral music, while also creating a memorable experience for the listener. I hope that you're just as excited as I am to start this new journey with Prairie Voices!

Nathan