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Sixth Annual joint Holiday Concert -- Sunday!

by **Don Pierce**, Chorus Manager

BURLINGTON/WATERBURY CENTER-- This Sunday, December 15, The Green Mountain Chorus, The Champlain Echoes and the Barre-Tones and quartets will be performing in the Holiday Concerts.

Technical logistics include the following details.

Warm-up for the Burlington show will be at 12:30 p.m. sharp at Hunt Middle School, 1364 North Avenue (enter from Gosse Court) in Burlington.

Please plan to park around behind the school so as to leave room for the show attendees.

The "techie" call will be at 11:00 a.m. - help will be appreciated.

The warm-up for the Waterbury Center show will be at 5:00 p.m. at the Hunger Mountain Christian Assembly on Route 100, about a mile North of Waterbury Center - see detailed directions in the sidebar.

The chorus repertoire for both shows is listed elsewhere in this Undertone.

The uniform for both shows will be the same as last year - white tux shirt, white tux jacket, black tux trousers, black shoes/socks and either a

red bow tie/cummerbund or a green bow tie/cummerbund. If you have both red and green ties/cummerbunds, please bring both so as to share with newer members who have neither.

After the Waterbury Show, we will most likely head for the back room at Arvads Restaurant in Waterbury for much deserved brews/chews; one can assume there will be lots singing

Directons to Waterbury Center

Get off I-89 at Waterbury (exit 10). Go North on Route 100 towards Stowe to Waterbury Center, approximately 4 1/2 to 5 miles. When you see Cold Hollow Cider Mill (right hand side) go another mile. A barn is on the left and the 1836 Shop is on the right.

The Hunger Mountain Christian Assembly Church is the next right hand turn - look for a red sign. The church sits back from the road.

Also, if you have any 'smokers', the church has asked that they smoke in the parking lot, not near the doors to the building.

Thank you. See you Sunday!

Lisa Perro, Barre-Tones

Holiday Ensemble sings at U Mall Sat

by **Don Pierce**, Chorus Manager

Saturday, 12/14/02 - U Mall performance by our holiday octet/ensemble.

Warm-up is at 2:15 p.m. in the U Mall offices at the left rear of the food court. Performance time is 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. We'll be performing most of the holiday music we've been working on over the past month plus a few "fifties" songs. Newer members will be allowed to sing from the "spots."

Uniform is the informal travel outfit (red striped shirt, khaki trousers, green sweater, black sock/shoes). We do plan to augment the uniform this week with a holiday sprig.

Our next appearance will be the following Saturday, December 21, same time, same songs, etc.

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by **Greg Morrill**,
Music Director

Thanks to everyone who made last week's rehearsal one of the most enjoyable of my tenure! I'm not sure whether the stars aligned just right or what, but starting with the warm-up it was obvious you guys came to do some singing! New songs, old songs, Holiday songs -- it didn't matter, we sang them all well! Even "Happy Days" showed the effects of everybody putting in their best effort.

I could sense that you guys could tell you were singing well and that's good also. In other words you didn't need Pat or me to tell you that you were singing with such high quality. I believe it's important that you can judge when we're doing our best and when we're not.

I'm not enough of an optimist to believe we can do that every week, but I'm hoping we can increase the frequency of such high quality rehearsals. And I certainly enjoyed being part of one last week! Even after a long drive home, I was still excited and had trouble getting to sleep. Thanks again for such great singing!

Song List for Concerts

Here's the song list for the Holiday Shows on 12/15.

Chorus:

- Jingle Bells (with the ladies)
- Winter Wonderland
- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
- White Christmas
- Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
- Lo, How a Rose
- O Holy Night
- Silent Night (with the ladies)

Quartets:

- I'll Be Home for Christmas - Dreamers
- Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas - CVQ
- TBD - Half Steps
- Mary's Little Boy Child - High Voltage

We get letters --

From Gary Bolles:

December 5, 2002

Hiya Jerry!

Just a quick note to thank you for continuing to include me on your distribution list for "The Undertone" -- makes me feel like I'm still a part of what's going on with The Green Mountain Chorus.

If you think of it, please express Tobey's and my best wishes for the Happiest of Holidays to you and all of the GMC!

-gab-

From Ray Miller:

December 5, 2002

Hi, Ed.

In reply to the article about learning tapes, that I think are a great idea. But, have y'all considered the savings in time and material plus someone else's time in doing up these things and spend five minutes a week teaching the troops to sight-read.

I prefer the solfeggio method with moveable 'do.'

This is about the only thing about which I ever agreed with Doc Huber, may he rest in peace.

Uncle Ray.....

Pres. of the Eastern Maine division of the Burlington Chapter(which is doing well, thank you very much!)

Great Northern Harmony Workshop February 1!

Don't miss this great opportunity to attend the best all-day school of the year. Guest quartet is FRED!

See separate flyer and registration form. More next week.



- December 14 (Saturday) -- Holiday Ensemble sings at University Mall 2 :15 -- 5
- December 15 (Sunday) -- Holiday Show Hunt Middle School Burling and Waterbury Center See article this page
- December 21 (Saturday) -- Holiday Ensemble sings at University Mall 2 -- 5
- December 24 (Tuesday) -- NO MEETING Christmas Eve
- December 31 (Tuesday) -- First Night Burlington Performances 1:00 and 4:00

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- January 17 or 18 (Friday or Saturday) -- Installation Banquet
- February 1 (Saturday) -- Great Northern Harmony Workshop -- Montreal
- February 14 (Friday) -- Singing Valentines
- March 8 (Saturday) -- Spring Retreat Karen Rourke Place TBD
- April 4 - 5 (Fri. - Sat.) -- Western Region Contest & Convention -- Troy, NY
- May 2 (Friday) -- 20 Week Club Banquet S. Burlington K of C
- May 31 (Saturday) -- 55th Annual Show Featuring 2002 Champs Four Voices
- June 29 -- July 6 -- 2003 International Convention and Contest MONTREAL! Sign up now!