



FootNotes



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Director's Notes

About Our Show Songs

With a short time left until "SHOWTIME", we thought it may be both educational and entertaining to give you a bit of background on the songs we will be performing for the Spring Concert. We continue our musical journey with the song that provides so much energy, and may in fact be the most fun loving song in the first half of the program. Here goes:

JAMAICA FAREWELL

"Jamaica Farewell" is a famous calypso about the beauties of the West Indian Islands often believed to be called "Kingston Town" due to its mention. The lyrics for the song were written by Lord Burgess (Irving Burgess). Burgess was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1926. His mother was from Barbados and his father from Virginia. The song first appeared in 1956 on Harry Belafonte's phenomenally successful album Calypso— the first full-length gramophone LP to sell over one million copies. It reached number fourteen on Billboard's Pop chart. Though many, including Belafonte himself, have said that the song was popular in the West Indies since long before Burgess, it is believed that his Lordship compiled and modified the song from many folk pieces to make a new song, and it is indubitable Belafonte is the artist who popularized the song outside the Caribbean Islands. Burgess also acknowledged his use of the tune of another calypso, "Iron Bar".

Harry Belafonte started his career in music as a club singer in New York, to pay for his acting classes. He was one of many entertainers recruited by Frank Sinatra to perform at the Inaugural gala of President John F. Kennedy in 1961. Other well-known singers of "Jamaica Farewell" include Sir Lancelot, Jimmy Buffett and Carly Simon. In his album "My Son the Folk Singer", Allen Sherman included a parody of the song: "I'm upside down, my head is turning around, because I gotta sell the house in Levittown".

Calendar

2009

Mar. 8: Annual Show at Van Wezel: afterglow at SAHIB SHRINE, 600 N. Beneva Rd.

Apr. 3-4: Spring Convention, Jacksonville

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This song has been translated into many languages. For example, in Bangla, there exist several translations, some of which are quite well-known. One Bengall version of the song became an important anthem for the Naxalite revolutionary movement in the 1970s and thus has significance for Bengall intellectuals in Kolkata society.

At rehearsal, we have bantered about the meaning of the term "ackee rice" found in the lyrics. You no longer need to argue. This refers to the fruit of a tropical tree indigenous to the Ivory Coast and Gold Coast of West Africa, taken to Jamaica in 1793. It has some poisonous properties, yet if properly prepared, the fruit is often used as a food additive.

One thing is for certain, SCOK will light up the stage at The Van Wezel with our rousing version of this calypso treasure. So have fun and enjoy.

And now; featuring our very own Bongo Ed.

Your directing team— Coacher and GGG

ERD DAHL INTERNMENT

Will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery, Friday, March 6, 2009 at 3 PM. Assemble in the parking lot no later than 2:45 PM. We will be escorted to the site for his burial; will be with full military honors and a short service. Directions to the cemetery>

US75 to exit 205, go east on Clark Rd/SR72. Continue 4.7 miles to the Cemetery on your right.

With love and a song in my heart,

Anne Dahl and Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

2-05 Bob Daum
2-05 Bob King
2-05 Del Sinclair
2-07 Bob Janson
2-07 Bob Mitchell
2-08 Matt Reynolds
2-08 Leo Tonner

And Spouse

2-02 Kathy McPherson, Bob

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

None to report

MEETING NIGHT AFTERGLOW

Everyone is Welcome..... to attend our weekly "Afterglow" immediately following the meeting. You're invited to wet your whistle, sing songs with the guys, chat with our Director and get a bite to eat in the mall alcove at Applebee's Restaurant on Main Street about 3 blocks east of our meeting hall on the corner of the movie theater parking garage. Park along Main Street or pull into the parking garage (it's free at that time of night) and come and ring some chords from 9:15 pm until.....?

See you there!

OUR WEBSITE

As many may have noticed, the password has changed—there is a different password for those in the One Voice chorus and the SCOTK chorus. You will only get them if you show up to a rehearsal, so if you are reading this online, you have been successful in accessing the Members Only page for SCOTK. If you are reading this as hard copy, you picked up at the meeting, you should be aware that the password is made up of two words and each of them is capitalized—passwords are case sensitive.

Don and George have requested that they preview certain material so there is a link to their private page from the One Voice and SCOTK rehearsal pages. Those pages have a third password and (for now) only Don and George (and of course me) know what that is.

There is a link to a YouTube video related to the latest Harmonizer on our rehearsals page. Check it out. Bob Hitchcock

News & Views for the FootNotes

should be sent to the editor at—
<editorken@yahoo.com> by **Noon Monday**.
This address is for **FootNotes** articles only.

Sunshine News

A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

Jump at opportunities
more often than you jump to conclusions.

Dave Sants: still not fully recovered & will not be with us for awhile

Bob Jansen: had a cancer removed from his foot home the same day— doing fine should be back 1/27 or 2/3.

Cards, calls & prayers are always welcome.

Sunshine Chair— Ed Manville **941-346-8219** or
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AD CAMPAIGN — 2009 SHOW PROGRAM

The time for closing out our AD Sales Campaign for the 2009 SHOW PROGRAM is drawing near, with only **TEN DAYS** remaining. So far we have only 1/2 of a book in hand. We still need to secure the big ones (Inside front and back covers & Back Cover!). No more procrastination. We have yet to get enough ad income to pay for the printing costs. This is a challenge which I know the members of the CHORUS OF THE KEYS is up to, so let's hit the streets. Every business card that can be scanned (without art work of editing) is another \$60 towards off-setting our costs. There is a current list of those supporters we have secured to date posted on church bulletin boards where we enter. I'll bet your favorite Doctor, Dentist, Accountant, Restaurant, or Retail Store is not yet on that list. **LET'S GO GUYS!**

GENTLEMEN

It's time to think about getting your Afterglow tickets, a real bargain @ \$20/ea. This year, after the show, it will be held at THE SHRINE TEMPLE, 600 N. BENEVA RD., SARASOTA.

Menu to be>
Assorted Mini Danish & Muffins
Array of Fresh Fruit
Home Fries w/Onions & Peppers
Bacon, Link Sausages & Ham
French Toast w/syrup
Scrambled Eggs
Coffee or Tea

Tickets available from Bob Kemp or Dick Bechtel. We have reservations for 130, so don't delay getting aboard.

This is the last week for gathering in the Show Program Ads.
Thanks to all who have participated in our efforts.