

## **AGM 2023, Regina Lyric Musical Theatre**

### **Report from Jane Ursan, Artistic Director - *The Lyric Singers*; Director - *Sapphire Anniversary Gala***

The fall of 2022 saw Lyric's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary, **Sapphire Gala**, celebrated in a concert and gathering at the Atlas Hotel. The concert, which I put together, consisted of 17 songs from past Lyric main stage shows. I was able to use 17 performers from many of these Lyric shows and it was wonderful working with them again. Lyndon Bray was our emcee. Josh Hendricksen and Rob Ursan were accompanists and I played bass.

As well, Virginia Wilkinson, Elizabeth Popowich, Joan Miller and myself put together a display of Lyric History binders with programs, pictures, news articles and posters from past shows.

Although the Gala was successful and ultimately well done by everyone involved on stage and off, both the Gala concert and the display were huge undertakings and I would recommend that in the future for Lyric's 50<sup>th</sup>, much more time is taken to organize all this.

For the spring of 2023, for Lyric Singers, I put together a concert of songs from the 1970s called **Here Come the '70s**; everything from Love Will Keep Us Together to Stairway to Heaven as well as a medley of ABBA songs and a Disco medley. We started rehearsals in February and the performances were in early May at the Hungarian Club. We had 34 singers and again had our 5 piece band as our accompaniment. The choir had lots of fun with the nostalgic tunes and dressing up in their best hippy and disco finery. The audience had a great time as well. And thank you to Joan Ziffle for all her help.

A special thank you to Jan, Megan and the rest of the Board for all their help with these productions.

Submitted by

Jane Ursan

- 2012 – Puttin' on the Ritz
- 2013 – The Magic of Music, Sing!
- 2014 – The Great Canadian Songbook
- 2015 – Groovin' With the Lyric Singers, The Great Canadian Songbook Vol II
- 2016 – Unforgettable
- 2017 - The Great Canadian Songbook Vol III
- 2018 - The Greatest Show: 21st Century Showstoppers from Stage and Screen
- 2019 - Looney Lyrics: Comical and Novelty Songs from Broadway and Pop
- 2020 - Fall show postponed due to Covid 19
- 2021 - Flip the Script, Guilty Pleasures
- 2022 - Sapphire Anniversary Gala
- 2023 - Here Come the '70s, Bacharach & the Beatles