



Thursday Morning, July 8, 2004
The Competition Begins

After a full and successful day yesterday – the busiest day of the festival has arrived. Yesterday morning began with Cantare performing in the Chamber Choir competition. They sang very well. It is remarkable what this group has achieved in such a short time. You can be proud that they more than held their own in an extremely difficult class.

Wednesday afternoon started with Common Choir rehearsals. All the choirs in the festival join together to work on a number of pieces for presentation at the Gala closing on Saturday night. They are divided into adult (which Canatare sings with) and children's groups. There is also a mass choir for all participants. This will have over 1,000 voices – and should be quite spectacular to hear.

Last night the choir performed in a concert at the Great Hall. They were first on a program that also included a wonderful nine member treble choir from Vancouver, a children's choir from Denmark and an adult choir from Uganda. SCC was very well received by the audience – and they sang and performed an amazing set of pieces.



A run through outside the Great Hall

Today begins with two competitions; the Children's Choir class, followed immediately by the Contemporary class. The afternoon schedule includes another Common choir rehearsal and concludes with a concert at 3:00 pm. The choristers are even hoping to squeeze in a bit of shopping. Tonight there will be a bar-b-q on the beach. After such a busy day of hard work, our young people will be ready for some relaxation.

That's it for now – it's time to head off to the festival center.