



**Saturday Morning, July 10, 2004
Congratulations Choir!**

Friday afternoon the jurists announced their choices for placement in the Choral classes at Kathaumixw and the Saskatoon Children's Choir placed second in two classes – Children's Choir and Folk. This is a tremendous achievement and we are all so proud of our choristers. We have to thank the tremendous efforts of Michelle, Connie and the chaperones for making this week so wonderful for everyone. And of course a huge BRAVO to Phoebe – you have given us all so many gifts – but most of all a love of music that will stay with our children for a lifetime.

The first place finishers in Children's Choir were 'Vesna' from Russia, while the Folk winners were the New Zealand Secondary Youth Choir. These are fantastic choirs and the fact that SCC ranks with them is an amazing accomplishment.

Friday morning began with the Folk competition. SCC sang 12th out of 13 choirs. They gave an inspired and moving performance. Lunch was followed by yet another Common Choir practice where at the conclusion the competition placements were announced. Then it was a long walk over to the local Centre Mall where SCC and the New Zealand choir entertained the shoppers. Despite all the emotion of the previous couple of hours the choir performed like true professionals.



Warming up for the Folk class



SCC at Kathaumixw



Only three choirs took first place at Kathaumixw this year; Vesna and Aliqua (a female ensemble from Vancouver) with two each, and New Zealand with three. Consequently, the organizers decided that the second place finishers should also perform at the Friday night winner's concert. SCC was asked to perform *Überlebensgros* from their Contemporary class. Once again it was back to the motel to dress for another concert. After supper they walked back up to the Great Hall determined to give their all. This they did with their typical energy and to a warm reception from the audience.

Today there are the final Common Choir rehearsals in preparation for tonight's Gala Closing where over a thousand singers will join together. In between the choristers have a chance to relax with shopping, swimming or going to a movie.

Tomorrow will be our last newsletter – so until then, so long from Powell River.



Fun by the beach