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reasons to sing in 2018

#18reasonstosing

1. Singing releases endorphins to reduce stress, chronic pain, and anxiety
2. Singing heightens concentration and mental alertness
3. Singing is a full body workout
4. Singing improves your posture and strengthens your core muscles
5. Singing expresses your unique personality and stirs your deepest emotions
6. Singing boosts your confidence
7. Singing widens your social circle and builds friendships
8. Singing is ageless – you are never too young or too old
9. Singing is one of the best tools for learning new languages
10. Singing strengthens cognitive function in math, literacy, and social sciences
11. Singing broadens your understanding and empathy of different cultures

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4th Annual Winter Gala Concert, *Once Upon a December*, December 15, 2017 (Photo courtesy of Nathan Storms)

DCCS: Where Are We Now?

Here at the Dawson Creek Choral Society, we have had a busy first three years. Now, halfway through our fourth year, we want to acknowledge all those who have helped to build this organization into the solid pillar in the community that it is today. All past and present members, sponsors, and audience patrons have made a real difference in making community music education a possibility in the South Peace. Thank you for your ongoing support!

As of January 2018, we have six operational programs serving all ages from infants to seniors. With the support of the Dawson Creek Co-Op after recognizing a growing

need for opportunities in early music education, we have added Kindermusik® to our roster of programs (more on p.2). This comes with a full studio set of age-appropriate instruments, literature, and equipment for young children and families to begin their musical journey.

Kindermusik joins our four choir programs and our children's musical theatre program. DCCS now has a permanent full-time studio located upstairs at the Calvin Kruk Centre for the Arts, and we are now in the process of furnishing the room with all of our office and studio teaching needs. The music library that we have been building over the past four

years has become a rich resource for music teachers throughout our area and is a major asset that we have now been able to draw upon without needing to purchase all new music every season.

So where are we now? We are at a crossroads of opportunity, building new programs while investing in our long-standing programs to deliver consistently high-quality education, mentorship, and musical excellence. We are truly a community organization, with diverse membership and an outstanding Board of Directors whose vision and dedication to Dawson Creek is evident in every project we deliver.



Thank-You Note from the Artistic Director

Back in October of 2017, I was having some major issues and health complications with my eyesight. I want to extend my profound thanks for the well-wishes that I received during that terrifying time. My vision has returned to its original state, and while I am still awaiting next steps, it appears that the worst part is over.

DCCS was able to purchase an iPad, which made reading music 100% easier and allowed me to continue to teach through the vision issues. Thank you again for your concern and for the many donations that came forward to help through this trying time. I look forward to forging ahead!

- Caitlyn Triebel

Let it Begin with Kindermusik®: A New Program for DCCS in 2018



Over the past few years as we have built up our choir programs, we were continually asked about offering classes for preschool-aged children.

To do so requires specific training and equipment, so this summer Caitlyn Triebel enrolled in the Kindermusik University training program to become a licensed educator. With the support of the Dawson Creek Co-Op as the recipient of the Fall Fair Pancake Breakfast

proceeds, DCCS was able to send Caitlyn to face-to-face training in Chicago last October, and on December 13th, she completed her practicum classes.

Kindermusik is an holistic educational system using music as the vehicle for developing fine and gross motor skills, cognition, literacy, coordination, listening, empathy, and social development in infants and preschoolers. Caregivers who enroll in Kindermusik classes

materials which provide extra have access to online Home information pertaining to each class unit, parenting tips, ideas for incorporating music at home, and age-appropriate games to support children's development.

Classes are offered on a monthly subscription basis, with new units beginning every 4 weeks. Fees are \$75 per month for the first child, and an additional \$42 per month for siblings. All materials are provided for each class.

We are SO excited to be offering this program in Dawson Creek and couldn't be more proud that this program is happening under the DCCS banner. You can find out more and enrol by visiting our studio page at www.kindermusik.com/dcchoralsociety.

We have Gift Certificates available!

If you know somebody who you think would love to start singing with us, but might not register on their own, why not give the gift of music with a registration gift certificate? Fees per 4-month choir term are \$140, and the annual Musical Theatre program is \$250. Kindermusik gift certificates are also available for any amount.

MADAGASCAR A MUSICAL ADVENTURE JR.

Wednesday to Friday, March 7 to 9, 2018

The DCCS Musical Theatre program will be presenting Madagascar at Unchagah Hall on March 7th, 8th, and 9th. This show is a lively MTI Broadway Junior™ production based on the Dreamworks motion picture with book by Kevin del Aguila and original music and lyrics by George Noriega and Joel Someillan.

This show features local talent with all roles performed by students aged 8 to 15. Costumes and stage designs are all original to our show.

The program began in September, and over the last few months students have busy working on auditions, learning roles, developing choreography and stage presence, and improving their stage vocal techniques. The program is directed by Randi Jo Torgrimson, with support from Aaron Tremblay, Caitlyn Triebel, and Eileen Klassen.

Don't miss this amazing production! Tickets are now available from DCCS and will be released publicly soon.

ONE NIGHT ONLY

The DCCS Youth Choir is proud to be putting together their own student-led show, with group and solo numbers, duets, and trios. This show will present

the talents and versatility of our choir, featuring students aged 12 through 15. They will perform with show choir choreography by Bree Torgrimson, a fellow student

and avid performer in the community. This performance will take place at the Calvin Kruk Centre theatre, and will definitely be an entertaining show you won't want to miss!

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12. Singing makes you a better public speaker
13. Singing strengthens your ability to maintain steady beat and rhythm
14. Singing improves memory and can delay the onset of age-related cognitive issues
15. Singing builds self-esteem and prevents feelings of loneliness
16. Singing improves blood circulation and respiratory function
17. Singing enriches language vocabulary and articulation
18. Singing provides a safe environment to learn new skills

4th Annual Spring Concert:

Feel the Rain

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Featuring music from the Piccolo Children's Choir, Senior Children's Choir, Youth Show Choir, and Community Singers Mixed Choir

Commitment to Kids

We are dedicated to the professional development of our instructors to ensure best quality of instruction and coaching possible. We have the Commit to Kids program from the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, and have completed training in the HighFive Principles of Healthy Child Development program. All instructors also have current criminal record checks.

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