

Dear Rcers,

Summer is having difficulty arriving on Cape Breton Island, but we who live here are kind of used to it. Temperatures remain cool and breezy, yesterday's rising only to 50 degrees farenheit (10 Celsius) and winds reaching 50 miles an hour during a late spring storm with something called "soft hail" (we're not sure what that is) raining down. I realize city-dwellers, except in very rare and extreme cases, are not too concerned with weather, but here in rural Canada, weather rules. In the event of bad weather, sitting at a computer and typing out a newsletter becomes the ideal activity. Unless, of course, the power goes out....

We had word from **Rowena Stapelfeldt Rosenbaum** a couple of weeks ago: "Just want to express my appreciation of your newsletter: it's a great idea, and although I can't generally participate in the events you announce, it's nice to read about what's going on.

Hugh and I are off to France in a couple of days to take part in a week singing chants by Hildegarde von Bingen and from the cahiers of Alienor de Bretagne, led by Marcel Peres. We've been sent the music, which turns out to be all in mediaeval notation, so things may get rather intense. We have been sent presumably helpful translations of the Latin texts into Dutch and French -- most of the singers are from a Dutch chorus with whom Hugh spent an evening a few months ago. I'm bringing a Dutch phrase book, just in case, since the hotel owners appear to be Dutch too..."

Here's an invitation from **Steve Bonime**:

Taking part in the annual **June 21st Make Music New York** festival, **Music Divine** will perform music from its last two concerts in **Central Park from 7:30 PM until dark** . (Fortunately, June 21 is day of the year with the longest daylight and latest sunset.) We will be singing a few hundred feet inside the park from **81st Street and Central Park West** (across the street from the Hayden Planetarium), under **the Winterdale Arch**, a wonderfully resonant tunnel under the Park West Drive, where Music Divine performed last year. We hope you can drop by to hear some beautiful early music. Please look at our website to see what music we will be singing. www.nycmusicdivine.org

And if you are in the downtown area (**Christopher Street near Bleecker**) or can find your way there (check directions on www.streetsingers.org) on **Monday, June 21, from 6-8p.m., the Renaissance Street Singers** and friends will help celebrate the summer solstice as part of **Make Music New York**

Sig wants you to know that the CDs of both Centennial performances - that of Harold's music and the one of Sunday's choral music - are still available for purchase. Contact Sig at sigrosen@earthlink.net It should be understood that these CDs are available to RC members only; this has to do with agreements made with performing groups. The Centennial programs, however, are available to anyone interested, libraries and academia included.

Please tell us your news any time. And let us know about your events in a timely way - by the first of the month to give us time to relay it to others. Happy Solstice to all. Til soon,

Sig, John, Alec, Dorrie and Ruth