

A Kappella Munda



SPRINGSONG FESTIVAL DUNSBOROUGH - 12-14th November 2010

It was a beautiful spring weekend when singers from several choirs descended upon the township of Dunsborough, for this festival of voice and friendship. Choirs taking part at the Old Dunsborough Hall were: Spooky Men, Voicemale, Cleanskins, Summerhouse, Cape Harmony, Voices of the Vasse, Jampact, Riversong and of course the "famous" A Kappella Munda. Workshops were held with Digby Hill, Bernard Carney, Michael McCarthy, Lumari McGuinness and Sandra Anderson. All were well attended. Something which was very apparent was the fun and enjoyment everyone seemed to be having.

It was wonderful to see young people who are involved in singing, from the three young guys singing a junior version of Spooky Mens' "Don't Come Between a Man and His Tools". Future Spooky Men? Then there was Jampact, a choir of lovely teenagers and even a group of adorable primary school kids, proving that singing is enjoyed by all ages. Singing sacred songs in church on Sunday was lovely, the acoustics were wonderful and even Spooky Men doffed their hats in respect. What a great weekend it was! Back next year?

Article by Maggi Rutherford

photos by Mike Cheffins and Maggi



CAROLS IN STIRK PARK - Sunday 12th Dec 2010

Last Christmas, AKAPPELLA MUNDA performed, for the first time, at 'Carols in the Park'. Beforehand, Beni lifted our choir's profile beautifully when she was interviewed by Monica Martinovich on Community radio, following a very enthusiastic report about AKM by Monica in our Community Newspaper.

On the balmy night of our performance at Stirk Park "Shell", we were guided by our capable conductor for the night, Marcia. Our interesting and unusual repertoire had an international flavour when we sang four pieces; Calypso Carol, Alleluia Amen, Torchés and Senzenina.

CONGRATULATIONS ALL!!

by Rita Jurik

CHRISTMAS BASH WITH VOICE MOVES

Mid-December, in the thick of snow...oops! no snow that day and certainly none for a while now! Anyway...A Kappella Munda joined numerous Perth choirs at Riverton Baptist Church for what I thought was to be a Christmas Carols extravaganza and which turned out to be that, but with some tasty added extras from those choirs who were able to show-off their fuller capabilities. Some lively numbers from Strike a Chord, Sing From The Heart, Swan Harmony Chorus to name but a few. This was done to great appreciation from those of us in the audience. Of course, the chosen venue had excellent acoustics and what better audience can a choir have than other choir's members? Those people who know the difficulties of learning new songs and working with a choir master to achieve the best sound, and then the thrill of performing to an appreciative audience! So at interval it was a buzz to mix with the extended family that is part of Perth's choir scene. We were also greatly relieved to see Digby slide in from a previous concert with minutes to spare before we were due on stage.

A Kappella Munda, all looking jolly in our black with Christmas reds and greens, as well as the new uniform scarf, performed Lay Down, Coventry Carol, Ding Dong Merrily on High, Summertime and Walk With Me to great acclaim and enjoyment. All were wished a Safe and Happy Christmas by our compere Leonie Thorogood and left smiling and satisfied once again.

by Julie Ellery



CAROLS AT THE AIRPORT -December 20th and 21st 2010 photos by Mike Cheffins

Bringing another year of great singing to a close, our final public performances took place at the Domestic and International Airports. To share the spirit of Christmas we sang hearty renditions of Christmas Carols to all those people travelling back and forth.

A good number of willing singers arrived all of whom were very festively attired in red, green and white with of course a liberal sprinkling of Christmas *bling* – just in case people didn't realise the reason for us being there!! Our illustrious leader Digby sported a fur trimmed hat with a red spring on top which jiggled around wildly, no doubt to add 'bounce' to our singing. We all know how our Diggers loves his 'bounce'!!!

So after short warm ups behind the scenes and accompanied by our resident reindeer Rudolph, with his minder, choir photographer Mike, we were then ready to lift our voices heavenwards and spread the joy of Christmas. Undeterred by the frequent flight announcements we sang a number of traditional carols – one of which was conducted by a passing Santa Claus– before continuing with other lesser known carols and some old favourites from our repertoire thrown in for good measure.

All in all everyone sang from the heart and we enjoyed two very satisfying performances. After the last one we all headed off to the bar to quench our thirst, share a bite to eat and sing yet more songs to the bar patrons (whether they wanted to hear us or not) before wishing one another a Very Merry Christmas and all going our separate ways. And so ended the year 2010.

By Lisa Clarke

AKM CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 11 2010

Last years' Xmas party was a great success. The standard of food was once again deliciously high, and the spirit of the party was capped off with lots of singing and frivolity as we sat around the tables on my back patio. We were blessed with a balmy night, and everyone seemed to enjoy the end of year celebration immensely. Thanks to Michael Cheffins, every choir member received a copy of our CD which was recorded at the Christchurch gig. This will prove to be a very valuable aid for everyone, especially newcomers. Looking forward to another year of friendship & singing. by Marcia Packham



AKM Christmas party

Digby's 50th

photos by Maggi

DIGBY'S 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY

What a fantastic party we had on Saturday 15th January to celebrate the coming of age of our dear old Diggers at the FERN centre in Fremantle! The feeling was casual, the food sensational, and the room was awash with singers from Spooky Men, Voicemale, A Kappella Munda and Glyde Ins. Elsa helped her Dad blow out the candles and Digby and Steph never stopped smiling the whole night. Marcia, with her usual flair, had written some brilliant lyrics to the tune of The Lady Is A Tramp, so that AKM could serenade the Birthday Boy. Thanks for inviting us, Digby. It was a very special occasion for us all. By Beni Devins

THANK YOU TO JAN ROGERS AND MAXINE PRICE

At the end of last year Jan decided to take a well-deserved break from being President of AKM and Maxine also resigned as Secretary to focus on a new singing project for a while. The roles have been taken up by Beni Devins and Rita Jurik. We would like to thank Jan and Maxine for their unstinting hard work behind the scenes, shaping AKM into a more organised team, along with the other committee members – Marcia, Celia, Helen, Lisa and Pauline. Congratulations on a great job!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Choir resumes this **Saturday 22nd January 2.30pm**