



LINK-LETTER #5 (HOPEFULLY THE LAST ONE!)

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1. Facebook: Once again, I would like explain that *a personal Facebook account is not necessary to access and read all the updates and information contained on this valuable site.* (Many of you have already discovered this and we would like to thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm.) Simply copy and paste the following url into your browser and it will take you directly there. If you log onto www.facebook.com, you will most definitely need an account to go any farther. Simply click on any of the links on the left hand side (Info, Photos, Videos, Notes) or scroll down the page to see what others have posted, etc. The only thing you can NOT do without a Facebook account is to post anything yourself such as comments or photos.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ringing-Link-2011/181000211914005>

Special thanks to those of you who post regularly and keep us well entertained with your comments. We are glad that this media is helpful to you. Your massed and Festival Choir conductors and several clinicians are all regular Facebookers who are taking advantage of this free instant communication system to relay important messages to you. As it would be virtually impossible to e-mail every single comment or piece of information shared on this site, it is hoped that those who are regular users will help inform those who are not.

2. Final Concert Dress Code: All you need to bring is a comfy pair of jeans and we will provide the rest. Boots and stetsons are completely optional and up to you should you wish to bring along as well. Horses and tack will unfortunately not be provided due to budget restraints.

3. FAQs: A list of common questions was posted on www.ringinglink.ca a while ago and also is available under "Notes" on Facebook. Please read it through thoroughly as it may even contain information that you have not yet even considered asking about...

4. Internet access: This was included in the FAQs (see #3), but I would like to reiterate that there is NO wireless connection in the SAIT residences. However, free WIRED access is available in the residence rooms. Ethernet cables are available for \$5, but I have been advised that they are quite short and you are encouraged to bring your own which might be longer (and free!) According to this website, there is free wifi available at the Tower Starbucks. Please note that with the summer schedule, both Starbucks and Tim Horton's will be on different

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schedules and will be open only until mid-afternoon.

<http://dineoncampus.ca/sait/index.cfm>

4. Registration process: Registration for Ringing Link 2011 participants will be available on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 from 9:00 am to 12 noon in the SAIT Tower Residence (Building HA). Participants are requested to register at the Ringing Link 2011 Desk in the Tower Residence lobby where they will receive their registration package. If they are staying at the residence, they can also check-in within the same lobby area after 4:00 pm.

Participants who are driving to the Ringing Link 2011 are asked to enter the SAIT Campus from the 10th Street NW access as the 16th Avenue NW access may be closed due to construction. Access to the campus is only available from the southbound lane on 10th Street NW. Vehicles can be temporarily parked in Lot P5 (which is right beside the Tower Residence) during the registration process. Permanent parking is available in Lot P6 (SAIT Parking Garage) as directed by the Tower Residence staff.

Due to space and time constraints, participants who are bringing in equipment (bells, tables, foam, etc.) are asked to register first in the Tower Residence. During the registration process, they will be provided with the directions to the SAIT Campus Centre (Building V) loading dock along with a drop-off time. Participants will be required to unload their own equipment at the loading dock and move it to the Campus Centre Gymnasium under the direction of a Ringing Link 2011 volunteer.

Late registration (after 12 noon on Wednesday, July 6th) will occur in the Symposium Room of the SAIT Campus Centre (Building V).

Further details regarding take-down procedures will be available shortly. If your group is bringing equipment and you have access to a dolly, it is highly recommended that you bring it if at all possible as the ones available at SAIT may be short in number.

5. Orphan Bells: These will be provided unless you have already notified the Sheriff that your full or partial choir will be bringing your complete set.

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