

Rhapsody Belle Brings A Cappella to Jazz Vespers

Rhapsody Belle, a cappella vocal group, returns by popular demand to Jazz Vespers at St. John's United Church on February 12 at 7:00 p.m. The members of the group are Aaron Scoones (baritone), Katy Kerr (mezzo soprano), Alana Johnson (soprano), Kristi Sihota (alto), Taylor Holmwood (bass), and Andrian Szewczyk (tenor).

Aaron Scoones was born to a family of musicians in Victoria, and is pursuing a career as a sound engineer. As a vocalist he has studied with Louise Rose and at the famed Berklee College of Music in Boston where he also discovered a love of recording and producing music.

Katy Kerr began her singing career as a mustached policeman in *Pirates of Penzance* at twelve years old. More recently, she has interned with the Victoria Jazz Society and the Victoria Symphony and is currently teaching musical theater and singing with the Victoria Choral Society. She also has a BA in Music Business, having studied under renowned vocal instructor and recording artist, Vijay Singh at Central Washington University.



Alana Johnson, a graduate of UVic's Music Education Program, was born and raised in a musical family in Victoria, and pursued music studies on a number of instruments.

Kristi Sihota, after completing a Bachelor of Education at UVic, teaches music to elementary school students.

Taylor Holmwood's natural ability and bass voice is much in demand in Victoria. He divides his time between Rhapsody Belle, various other vocal ensembles, and a UVic Percussion Performance degree.

Andrian Szewczyk was born into a Ukrainian family in Winnipeg, MB, and was immersed in music and Ukrainian dance from a young age. Aided by an incredible ear, he has become a master of complex vocal harmony.

The Jazz Vespers series continues on March 4, when singer Melinda Whitaker will perform with guitarist John MacArthur and bassist Don Cox, and on April 1 with the trio Impromptu.

All jazz vespers services begin at 7:00 p.m. St. John's United Church is located at 10990 West Saanich Rd., across from Deep Cove School. There is no admission charge, and an offering will be taken. For further information, please call Bernadette at 656-0875 or email her at bernadettegreene@shaw.ca to be included on an email list of upcoming concerts.

