



Westwinds Music Society  
Room 38B8 – 2526 Battleford Ave. SW  
Calgary Alberta  
June 11, 2009

Dear Members:

Re: Fee changes beginning in Fall, 2009

This letter is written on behalf of the Executive Board of Westwinds Music Society.

It is my unfortunate first duty as President of Westwinds Music Society to inform you all that an increase in registration fees of \$40.00 will be required as of registration time this fall. You may recall a visit to your group by a board member late last season, during which it was announced that that this measure might be necessary for the first time since the 2001/2002 Westwinds season.

Some factors relating to this fee increase:

- ♪ We've been fortunate to have seen steadily increasing revenue from the Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission as a result of hosting casinos. For the first time, however, revenue for our most recent casino actually dropped by roughly \$15,000.
- ♪ Westwinds' costs have continuously increased over the years. This is no different for Westwinds than for all businesses and individuals.
- ♪ Choral Ensemble's fees will not be subject to an increase. Choral Ensemble has been paying an extra \$40 fee because of special arrangements with added costs. These arrangements no longer apply, and the removal of the \$40 surcharge for Choral Ensemble offsets the overall increase in fees.
- ♪ Consider that our \$40 increase for the season is roughly equivalent to one Starbucks latte each month, or about \$1.35 more per rehearsal.

I hope that all members will join me in understanding that this increase is not desired; unfortunately, it is a necessary and appropriate step to take under today's circumstances. We will continue to make the very best use we can of every dollar of your fees to provide you with a positive, enjoyable, and stimulating musical experience.

Yours truly,

Bruce Robin  
President  
Westwinds Music Society

Cindy Holt  
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