

From the Desk of The A Cappella Society - April 2008

Hello everyone!

In this April update, we release more information about plans for the annual Champs and June's Camp A Cappella. We hope to see more Open Category groups this year and would like to encourage anyone out there who wishes to participate to contact us. If you have no group to sing with, we will place you in one! We're just an email away!

We are equally excited to announce that we will include a choir category for the Champs this year, to allow larger groups the opportunity to join us. We are looking for large a cappella ensembles, church ensembles, school ensembles and the like!

To help you, there will be a June Camp (15th for adults) and 16th & 17th for students to help groups, singers get together to put music together for enjoyment or specifically for the Champs. We'll have with us, the incredibly talented Ms Zalina from the Wicked Pitches who will share her skills in solo singing, ensemble singing and of course pop, jazz and gospel singing styles with you.

Lastly we wish all SYF choirs the best at the Youth Festival competition in April. Kudos to all those who will perform in a cappella!

Your team at The A Cappella Society
www.a-cappella.org.sg

** These updates are correct to our best knowledge. Should there be any errors, kindly note that they are non-intentional.*

(1) WHAT'S NEW

A CAPPELLA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

Calling all existing a cappella groups and all budding a cappella groups & all a cappella choirs! This year's Aka Champs as it is endearing known as will have a new added dimension to include an a cappella choir category!

Details of the Champs will be posted shortly on our website at www.a-cappella.org.sg

Qualifying rounds for choirs and college / open a cappella categories (end June), with the finals in August.

Finals for secondary school a cappella groups (end June)

CAMP A CAPPELLA (JUNE)

Interested to send your team down for some extra training and some extra mentoring? Or looking for an opportunity to sing your lungs out? Camp A Cappella on the 16th & 17th of June at SMU arts & culture Centre will be the hotbed for vocal activities that will be conducted over the course of 2 fun-filled and activity based days for students and on 1 day for adult singers (15th June) at Telok Ayer Performing Arts Centre.

Camp A Cappella 2008
15th June (18 & above)
16th & 17th June (schools)
Tickets: \$25 per day
More details : www.a-cappella.org.sg

(2) UP-COMING CONCERTS

ESPLANADE LATE NIGHT SERIES: NANU

Catch our resident a cappella group in action at the Esplanade Recital Studio. Just fresh out of the shows at SMU & Esplanade's Mosaic Festival (Concourse), the group is working on new music that includes, Christina Aguilera's Candyman, Filipino pop songs and hot faves from Madonna and Janet Jackson.

Feel Good with NANU

Date: 30th May 2008

Time: 9.30pm, Venue: Esplanade Recital Studio

Tickets: \$25 on sale from mid April www.sistic.com.sg

STONE : I-SO-TONIC

The A Cappella Society presents one of the most proliferate youth a cappella teams in their endeavours in staging their first public concert.

From the moment of inception, this team of young singers, led by Jeremy Ho, has been training and developing their skills through a programme set up by the society. The group sings music of multi-genres and for young people like them, we are impressed!

With a wide repertoire selection that will impress and surprise, coupled together with their unique blend of voices, this is one concert you shouldn't miss!

I-SO-TONIC by Stone

Date: 3rd & 4th June 2008

Venue: Esplanade Recital Studio

Time: 7:30pm, Ticket Price: \$20

(3) TRAINING PROGRAMMES : www.a-cappella.org.sg/training.html

A CAPPELLA ENSEMBLE COURSE : 17th April (THURS) 8pm – 10pm

Come explore contemporary a cappella with the TAS adult ensemble in this 3-month journey. This series of seminars-cum-rehearsals culminating in a public presentation promises to equip you with the fundamental skills of a cappella performance. Experienced clinicians will lead you and your fellow singers through a discussion of various topics, including i) recent developments in a cappella music, ii) elements of blend in close harmony, iii) dynamic microphone technique, iv) an introduction to vocal percussion, and v) basic staging and song presentation. You will also be guided through the rehearsal of 3-4 songs from a variety of genres to practice your newfound knowledge.

MUSIC THEORY COURSE: 7th April (MONS) 7pm – 9pm

Our new Music Theory course brings the uninitiated on a journey through music in study, performance and composition, ranging from the very fundamental note reading to a more profound analysis of styles and their development through time. So join us today, for our newly launched Music Theory Course! Learn to differentiate the 'tongues' in this course and unleash your potential to sight singing. This course conducted by Ms Evangeline Tan will guide you through the fundamentals of music, learning to read rhythm patterns & notation effectively.

POP VOCALS FOR BEGINNERS: 23rd April (WEDS) 7pm – 9pm

Learn the fundamentals of singing in the style of Beyonce, Rihanna and other pop divas in this new course! Singapore's soul sensation, Lim Huimin takes you on a musical exploration of the basics in pop singing, including securing breath control, posture, voice projection and singing through songs. Apart from pop & jazz vocal exercises that will help keep your voice in shape, you will also explore a variety of pop, jazz, mandarin songs and even ballads. This course aims to provide singers with a good foundation in singing technique (posture, breathing,

anatomy, support, tone production) and then guide you on how you can use your voice for a variety of musical genres.

(4) OBSERVATIONS & SPECIAL MENTION

GENTING JAZZ FESTIVAL

Home grown jazz a cappella group, Key Elements will perform on the 5th of April at the Genting Jazz Festival. We wish them the very best time there and a safe journey.

KL YOUNG SINGERS IN SINGAPORE

The KL Young Singers will be in Singapore in the 1st week of May for exchange workshops and performances with local choirs and The A Cappella Society's Youth Voices. Here's to more cross straits exchanges!

(5) AUDITIONS

TAS VOICES

We are looking for full time and part time singers who wish to rehearse together and be selected for a variety of performances. Have to be above 21 years. Please email us for more details at contact@a-cappella.org.sg

MOCHAPPELLA

An a cappella group (aged from 18 - 20s) is looking for a TENOR + BARTONE / BASS and Vocal Percussionist.

- A cappella singing background and basic music knowledge is preferred.
- Able to commit to weekly practices.
- Willing to experiment with different music genres

Please send your resumes to chingmei2000@yahoo.com They have requested for a demo if possible.

(6) SCHOOL TOUR

ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAMME with NANU

Calling all teachers! Rock Pop A Cappella with nanu is in it's 2nd year running and we're off to a good start. We've just been to St Theresa's Convent where they have amazing singers and dancers who came up to volunteer their skills. We were also recently at Serangoon Garden Sec, Kellock CHIJ, CHIJ Katong and many more!

The Society also has training programmes and workshops available for schools.

More details on our website www.a-cappella.org.sg

(6) IN HOUSE GROUPS

TAS GROUPS

TAS Voices – Mixed group ages 20 and above, Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm

TAS Youth Voices – Mixed group ages 12 and above, Saturdays 2-5pm

If you are interested to be part of the Society as a singer or beat boxer, auditions are open to everyone young and young at heart. There will be multiple levels of training available for a variety of singers and age groups. Send us an email at contact@a-cappella.org.sg if you would like to be the first to know. Tell us which area you are interested in and we'll definitely be in touch.

MEMBERSHIP 2008

Price: S\$ 25

Get:

- * Discounts on concert tickets
 - Voice Mania 08
 - A Cappella Championships 08
 - A Cappella Festival 08
- * Discounts on vocal workshops
 - Camp A Cappella June 08
- * Discounts on training courses
 - TAS Ensemble course
- * Discounts on CDs
 - Vocal Six
 - m-pact
 - Mandarin A Cappella
 - Key Elements
- * Exclusive company promotions
- * Special events

And so many more!

With so many benefits beyond your wildest imagination, what are you waiting for? Download the Membership form at www.a-cappella.org.sg/members.html today!

(7) MISCELLANEOUS

REHEARSAL SPACE

Haven't found a space for your rehearsals yet? For \$15/hour you can make use of our room for your practice. Just drop us a mail if you are interested.

SHOP WINDOW

No	Artistes	Album Title	Cost
1	Vocal Six (Sweden)	International (2007)	S\$25
2	m-pact (USA)	m-pact	S\$25
3	Java Five (Germany)	The Art of Vocal Swing	S\$25
4	Agapella (Singapore)	Follow That Star (2007)	S\$20
5	Various (Singapore)	Mandarin A Cappella (2001)	S\$10

Shipping : \$2 (Singapore) , \$5 (Overseas)

All items are available in our office or via postal delivery. To order please send us an email at contact@a-cappella.org.sg

Contact us

If you would like to submit articles, news and updates, volunteer your services or provide feedback, please do not hesitate to write us! We look forward to hearing from you.

For folks who are keen to join this mailing list, please send us a note to the same address.

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