

## From the Desk of The A Cappella Society - June 2008

The month of A Cappella is upon us!

June brings A Cappella to you in all forms and all parts of Singapore. Just after nana rocking the house at Esplanade, the Singapore Arts Festival brings you A Cappella from youth pop ensemble to professionals near to you and free at Raffles City.

I-So-Tonic, the much anticipated concert showcasing Singapore's leading, upcoming youth A Cappella group, Tone, is taking place at the Esplanade Recital Studio.

A few days later, our annual Camp A Cappella brings you the process of making A Cappella music closer, with a fun and hands-on approach. This year it will be separated in a part for adults and one for students.

Finally, the national A Cappella Championships kick off at The Republic Cultural Centre with the Secondary School category, before moving to Esplanade for the Choir and Open categories in August.

We hope to see you all at these events!

Your team at The A Cappella Society  
[www.a-cappella.org.sg](http://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.*

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### **(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 endearingly known, 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](http://www.a-cappella.org.sg)

*Qualifying rounds for choirs and college / open a cappella categories (27 June, TRCC), with the finals in August.*

*Finals for secondary school a cappella groups (27 June, TRCC)*

#### **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 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of June at SMU Cultural 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 (15<sup>th</sup> June at TAPAC).

*Camp A Cappella 2008*  
15<sup>th</sup> June (21 years and above)  
16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June (schools)  
Tickets: \$25 per day  
More details : [www.a-cappella.org.sg](http://www.a-cappella.org.sg)

#### **LISTEN NOW - A CappellaFest 08**

This year's A Cappella showcase will take place on 30 and 31 July at ACS Barker Concert Hall. Highlight of the evening will be the return visit by Korean group SJ Tone after their successful performance in Singapore last year.

## **(2) UP-COMING CONCERTS**

### **TONE : 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 moment of inception, this team of young singers, led by Jeremy Ho, has been training and developing their skills through 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 Tone*

Date: 3rd & 4th June 2008  
Venue: Esplanade Recital Studio  
Time: 7:30pm, Ticket Price: \$20

### **SINGAPORE ARTS FESTIVAL 2008**

As part of the Music On The Move outreach program at Raffles City, Tone will be performing on 1 June at 7pm, TAS Youth Voices on 2 June 7pm and nanu on 4 and 9 June at 7pm. Come by and listen to entertaining A Cappella tunes!

### **VOCAL OBSESSION III by RESONANCE (NUS)**

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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June  
University Cultural Centre  
7.30pm

\$15 available through [nusresonance@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:nusresonance@yahoo.com.sg)

## **(3) TRAINING PROGRAMMES : [www.a-cappella.org.sg/training.html](http://www.a-cappella.org.sg/training.html)**

### **A CAPPELLA ENSEMBLE COURSE : (TUE) 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 iv) 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. Course starts 1 July (Tuesday) 8-10pm.

### **MUSIC THEORY COURSE: (WED) 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 'towgays' 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: (THU) 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.

Course starts 3 July.

Register for the courses on our website!

### **(4) OBSERVATIONS & SPECIAL MENTION**

#### **KEY ELEMENTS ON YOUTUBE**

Dear Friends! Here's a video clip of Key Elements performing "I Believe", a Korean song, during our trip to Seoul in Nov 2007. Hope you enjoy it. [www.youtube.com/v/tL9zGgudjGs](http://www.youtube.com/v/tL9zGgudjGs)

### **(5) AUDITIONS**

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#### **NEW! LOOKING FOR A REVIEWERS FOR A CAPPELLA EVENTS**

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We have tied up with [www.musicians.org.sg](http://www.musicians.org.sg) and are in need of some help in writing some reviews for coming a cappella shows for the website. If you are interested to volunteer, please write to us at [contact@a-cappella.org.sg](mailto:contact@a-cappella.org.sg)

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#### **THE A CAPPELLA SOCIETY SINGERS & NANU (female pop a cappella)**

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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](mailto:contact@a-cappella.org.sg)

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### **(6) SCHOOL TOUR**

#### **AEP 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](http://www.a-cappella.org.sg)

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### **(7) IN HOUSE GROUPS**

#### **TAS GROUPS**

TAS Voices – Mixed group ages 20 and above, Mondays 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](mailto: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.

## **(8) 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**

| <b>No</b> | <b>Artistes</b>                 | <b>Album Title</b>                | <b>Cost</b>  |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Vocal Six (Sweden)</b>       | <b>International (2007)</b>       | <b>S\$25</b> |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>m-pact (USA)</b>             | <b>m-pact</b>                     | <b>S\$25</b> |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Key Elements (Singapore)</b> | <b>Jazz For The Records</b>       | <b>S\$20</b> |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Agapella (Singapore)</b>     | <b>Follow That Star (2007)</b>    | <b>S\$20</b> |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Various (Singapore)</b>      | <b>Mandarin A Cappella (2001)</b> | <b>S\$10</b> |

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](mailto: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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