

## **From the Desk of The A Cappella Society - July 2008**

Fresh off the first part of the A Cappella Championships, the Secondary School category was held a few days ago at The Republic Cultural Centre. The professional venue provided the stage, the enthusiastic audience the background and 8 groups the drama on the evening. We want to thank all participants for their efforts and congratulate all groups for their performance. In the end it was TAG who took home the honors of Champion.

Don't forget to book your seats for the Choir and Open and College categories 11 and 13 August at Esplanade Recital Studio early, the seats are limited!

Before that we'll have our A CappellaFest, 30 and 31 July at ACS Barker. As a special treat we bring to you Jamaica Cafe, Indonesia's A Cappella sensation!

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**

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

Exploring the Power of the Human Voice!

Starring: Key Elements, Vocollision, TAS Youth Voices & Tas Singers

Special Guest Group : Jamaica Cafe (Indonesia's Hottest A Cappella Sensation)

Explore the world of vocal music from beat boxing to jazz, pop, hip hop, mando pop, dangdut tunes and much more! The concerts will be interactive with mass audience participation segments to create an enjoyable and wholistic concert-going experience.

For more details, please log on to : [www.a-cappella.org.sg](http://www.a-cappella.org.sg)

30th & 31st July

ACS Barker

3pm Matinee Shows for Primary Schools at \$15 (70 mins)

7.30pm Evening Shows for Secondary Schools at \$20 (120 mins)

Tickets available thru [www.a-cappella.org.sg](http://www.a-cappella.org.sg)

Please email your queries to [info@a-cappella.org.sg](mailto:info@a-cappella.org.sg)

#### **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! Get your ticket now at every SISTIC counter, seats are limited!

Details of the Champs will be posted shortly on our website at [www.a-cappella.org.sg](http://www.a-cappella.org.sg)

*Choir category, 11 August, Esplanade Recital Studio  
Open and college category, 13 August, Esplanade Recital Studio*

*Tickets \$20 at every SISTIC agent.*

## **INTERNATIONAL A CAPPELLA FESTIVAL**

Singapore's first International A Cappella Festival features vocaldente from Germany, recent winners of the Harmony Sweepstakes, the US national A Cappella competition.

### *International A Cappella Festival 2008*

15-18 October

The Arts House

Tickets: \$35

More details : [www.a-cappella.org.sg](http://www.a-cappella.org.sg)

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

### **HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2008**

Join the TAS Voices at Suntec City Tropics Atrium for half an hour of local songs and favourite tunes brought to you A Cappella as part of the Heritage Festival, 22 July, 7.30pm

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

### **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 10 July (limited places available) and 4 September.

### **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 7 October (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.

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**

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)**

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**

No	Artistes	Album Title	Cost
1	Vocal Six (Sweden)	International (2007)	S\$25
2	m-pact (USA)	m-pact	S\$25
3	Key Elements (Singapore)	Jazz For The Records	S\$20
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](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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