

From the Desk of The A Cappella Society - October 2009

Hi everyone!

The month of our International A Cappella Festival is finally here and we are all excited already. The biggest ever A Cappella event in Singapore will bring great performances from Rock4, Permanent Fish, MayTree and Tux. The available tickets are going fast so make sure you grab one of the remaining tickets for these exclusive performances. With music ranging from Rock, Jazz and J-Pop to all time favorites, there is sure to be something for every taste.

Shortly after the Festival we'll ring in the Christmas season already and this year we'll start it with a very special event. NANU, supported by some friends and you, the audience, will lead a vocal jam filled with the season's music to get the Christmas spirit going. The event is Tote Board approved so students can get a subsidy for the ticket purchase.

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

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(1) WHAT'S NEW

International A Cappella Festival - Keppel Nights tickets sold out!

The Keppel Nights tickets for the concert on 17 October are sold out, regular tickets are still available. Book your seat now to make sure you will catch this exciting event with exclusive performances in Singapore by top A Cappella groups from around the world! The Festival will take place at the Esplanade Recital Studio and The Arts House Chamber over a period of 5 days, beginning on the 14th of October 2009 and ending on the 18th of October 2009.

The International A Cappella Festival will showcase performances from 4 different foreign groups comprising of Permanent Fish from Japan, Rock 4 from The Netherlands, MayTree from Korea and Tux from The Philippines. This year's line up of a cappella teams features a variety of musical styles with rock music from Queen, Police & Sting by Rock 4 (Netherlands), Pop from Permanent Fish (Japan), Korean Pop and Jazz from MayTree and the golden oldies and familiar favorites from Tux (Philippines). All concerts start at 7.30pm

Christmas is Coming - A Cappella Vocal Jam with NANU Tote Board approved

Schools may use the Tote Board Arts Grant to subsidise up to 60% of the cost of this programme. There will be a shorter, 75min long, afternoon show at 3.30pm for Primary School children and the 90min-evening show at 7.30pm, both at Esplanade Recital Studio.

In two shows, one for children and one for youth and young-at-heart, your favourite local A Cappella groups will bring the season's music closer to you. Expect to hear all your favourite carols and tunes in an intimate and informal setting. But be prepared to be active yourself and to sing along!

(2) UP-COMING EVENTS

2ND INTERNATIONAL A CAPPELLA FESTIVAL

This year's International A Cappella Festival will play host to a myriad of visiting teams to sunny Singapore where they will meet, mingle and work with local singers as well as present their music at the festival concerts. From Rock 4's songs from Police & Sing & Queen to MayTree's Korean arrangements and sleek pop & jazz tunes, we promise you a festival that will enthral, delight and inspire. Look out for more details!

Date	Venue	Group
14th October	Esplanade Recital Studio	Permanent Fish (Japan)
15th October	Esplanade Recital Studio	Rock 4 (Holland) Songs from Sting & Police
16th October	Esplanade Recital Studio	Rock 4 (Holland) Songs from Queen to Radiohead
17th October	Arts House, Chamber	MayTree (Korea)
18th October	Arts House, Chamber	Tux (Philippines)

all at 7.30pm, \$35, tickets available at www.a-cappella.org.sg

Christmas is Coming - A Cappella Vocal Jam with NANU

Ring in the Christmas season with this fun and interactive programme from The A Cappella Society. In two shows, one for children, one for youth and young-at-heart, your favourite local A Cappella groups will bring the season's music closer to you. Expect to hear all your favourite carols and tunes in an intimate and informal setting. But be prepared to be active yourself and to sing along!

Join NANU for an evening of feel good a cappella renditions of Christmas music! In a concert like no other a cappella concerts, this showcase will include brand new arrangements from the NANU repertoire and will have the team explore jazz scatting and jazz harmonies apart from their regular staple of pop hits. Expect to be entertained and also expect to sing along and or come up on stage to present a solo or scat sing or beat box along with the team!

Follow the development of the creative process for this concert at www.a-cappella.org.sg

21 November 09

3.30pm Children's matinee, \$20

7.30pm Evening show, \$25

Esplanade Recital Studio, tickets available at www.a-cappella.org.sg

The Tufts Beelzebubs feat. SMU Voix

The Beelzebubs are Tufts University's oldest all-male a cappella group. Founded in 1963, the Bubs have always lived up to their motto, providing "Fun through Song" to audiences of all ages. Today, their diverse repertoire includes many contemporary tunes from all genres; everything from classic rock to more current pop and rock to

R&B and rap. They pride themselves on their energetic, musically polished performances and innovative arrangements.

Their recent accomplishments include performances at Fenway Park, at the U.S. Embassy in London, on *Good Morning America* and *Late Night with David Letterman*. They have sung for President Bill Clinton, President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Sen. John Kerry, and Gov. Bill Richardson, and have toured Asia, Europe and all corners of the United States. They were recently featured in the book *Pitch Perfect: The Quest for Collegiate A Cappella Glory*, by Mickey Rapkin, and one of their recordings was even played on the space shuttle Columbia!

The event will feature an opening performance by SMU Voix, Singapore's own collegiate A Cappella group from Singapore Management University.

17 January 09

7.30 PM

The Arts House Chamber

(3) TRAINING PROGRAMMES

A CAPPELLA MASTERCLASS WITH TUX

Here's your opportunity to learn from the professionals! The masterclass with Tux will be targeted at helping you improve the various elements that are part of A Cappella, whether you are a whole group, part of a group or an interested singer, even a beginner. The workshop is suitable for everyone alike. There will be tips on vocal technique and harmonizing, arranging, staging, tips and tricks for individual voice parts or support and positive reinforcement for the singers. Whatever the task, the key is for every participant to broaden his or her horizon, find inspiration from an experienced group and to find out how to build your skill-sets alongside your goals.

Come prepared with a song or specific topics or questions you want to improve on or clarify to get the most out of the masterclass.

17 October, 3-6pm, TAPAC. Register on our website www.a-cappella.org.sg

POP VOCALS COURSE

Learn the fundamentals of singing in the style of Beyonce, Rihanna and other pop divas in this 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.

The next course starts 8 October. www.a-cappella.org.sg/training.html

(4) AUDITIONS

THE A CAPPELLA SOCIETY CHILDREN'S POP AND JAZZ CHOIR

Finally a choir where children can explore folk, pop and jazz music intrinsically through play, performance and theory.

Open to singers aged 8 to 13, this choir seeks to develop young singers with a good foundation in vocal technique, performance etiquette, musical development and artistic discipline.

The choir will be directed by Angelina Choo-Sassarak, Artistic Director of The A Cappella Society. Rehearsals are on every Saturday from 1pm - 3pm. Please email for an appointment or audition: contact@a-cappella.org.sg

THE A CAPPELLA SOCIETY YOUTH VOICES AND ADULT TEAM

Want to learn the techniques of harmonising? Or simply want to immerse yourself in singing in a group? Here's your chance now! Auditions are now open for the youth voices (aged 13- 20) [practices are every Saturday 3pm-6pm.] and the adult team (aged 21 and above) [practices are every Monday 7.30pm]. Interested parties please contact us at contact@a-cappella.org.sg

(5) ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2009/10

For the next two years we can offer your school two programmes that are NAC approved and eligible for Tote Board subsidy:

ROCK POP A CAPPELLA WITH NANU

The program presents A Cappella singing through an interactive session and demonstrates different styles and how a song is put together. It is a hands-on approach to exploring a cappella singing and vocal percussing. Hosted by a team from The A Cappella Society singing as an a cappella vocal band made up of professional singers, musicians and teachers, the session will introduce 3 tips in singing and share Vocal Percussion tips. Volunteer participation will be encouraged throughout the show and as a result the students will enjoy a highly interactive and very enjoyable and exciting presentation.

A CAPPELLA VOCAL JAM

This light-hearted and highly interactive a cappella jam session will include tips on vocal technique and will encourage the general mass audience to take part in simple and repetitive musical stanzas that are built up into songs. This will be presented with the use of theater stage skills which will help in creating a better atmosphere for the audience to be willing to try their hand at making some music! The simple structure will give the students inspiration to make more of their own tunes come alive with imagination and creativity. Led by two veteran a cappella singers and performers, this session promises to be entertaining, inspiring and intriguing.

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

TAS GROUPS

nanu - Singapore's leading all-female A Cappella group
TAS Voices - a diverse contemporary A Cappella group
Acappuccino - a group with a wide repertoire ranging from Pop to Jazz
TAS Youth Voices - Singapore's leading youth A Cappella ensemble
Beatz - a group for today's music with Beatbox and Hip-Hop roots

If you are interested in engaging any of the groups for your event, simply send us an email at contact@acappella.org.sg

SHOP WINDOW

No	Artistes	Album Title	Cost
1	Vocal Six (Sweden)	International (2007)	S\$25
2	Rock4	Bring On The Night (2009)	S\$25
3	Key Elements (Singapore)	Jazz For The Record	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)

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