

From the Desk of The A Cappella Society - November 2009

Hi everyone!

Christmas Is Coming soon, but before that comes our A Cappella Jam to ring in the season. The Keppel Nights tickets for the evening show are already sold out and the rest of the tickets are selling fast. Hurry to get one of the seats for the afternoon if you have a young child or the evening show, discounted tickets are available for PAssion Card members and students.

Rock4 has put some of the photos they took during their stay in Singapore on their Facebook-page : <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rock4/153010847113?v=photos&ref=ts#/album.php?aid=116693&id=153010847113> , you can read some audience comments about the Festival on our blog, all very positive and encouraging to continue bringing foreign groups to Singapore, hopefully ticket sales will also increase!

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

Christmas is Coming - PAssion Card Promotion

Get \$5 off the price for any of the tickets with your PAssion Card! 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!

The Real Community

The Real Community is a new place to meet; for everybody who is drawn to vocal music - singers, choir conductors, arrangers, composers, teachers, vocal groups, choirs, and a cappella fans, regardless of whether you are a professional or an amateur. The site is hosted by The Real Group and will be developed in co-operation between the site members and the leadership team. To begin with, here are some of our visions: * A place to share your music * Get qualified feedback on recordings and arrangements * Publish your gigs in the calendar * Learn new things from some of the best teachers within the various fields of vocal music You can upload photos and video, chat with other site members, participate in the site Forum, and publish to the site Blog, among other things. During the first months, all site activities at The Real Community will be free for all registered members. Later, some of the site's extra features will be charged for. Welcome! The Real Group

(2) UP-COMING EVENTS

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

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3.30pm Children's matinee, \$20

7.30pm Evening show, \$25

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

Belle Epoque! European Operettas and Art songs

4-5 Dec 2009 Fri, 8.00pm Sat, 8.30pm Esplanade Recital Studio Imagine yourself in a fashionable European salon that thrills you with its elegant atmosphere. Intriguing and flamboyant characters take you to Europe at the turn of the 20th century, whilst you listen to Operettas and Art Songs from some of the best known European composers like Jacques Offenbach, Francesco Paolo Tosti, and the British glamour duo Gilbert & Sullivan. This vocal piece will spin a lovely web of anecdotes, love and surprises! With Sopranos Florence Couillet & Sabrina Zuber, Tenors Timothy Huang & Brendan Keefe Au, Baritones Eu Jin Hwang & Jimmy Teng Music direction & piano by Dr Robert Casteels Conceptualized & directed by Nicole Stinton.

Budak Pantai: Happy Songs For A Great Recession

DATE 17-18 Dec 2009 Thur & Fri, 07:30PM DURATION Approx 90 mins VENUES Esplanade Concert Hall Budak Pantai return to the Great Esplanade Concert Hall for two evenings of songs and invaluable tips on how to achieve world peace, beat the recession and regrow hair on your bald patch. Whatever you may have been through these past 12 months, end the year on a high note as the nation's most popular Current Affairs singing group (the only group in this category) take you through all the things you could and should be celebrating in a time like this. Like they always say, "If life gives you lemons, sell them and make a fast buck!" (which is what Budak are doing) Don't miss these unapologetically irreverent funny guys in their two-night concert of eclectic, feel-good songs.

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 2010

7.30 PM

The Arts House Chamber

(3) TRAINING PROGRAMMES

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 7 January. www.a-cappella.org.sg/training.html

Speech Level Singing Masterclass

Jeffrey Skouson, a Master Instructor of the Speech Level Singing technique, will be giving a vocal masterclass in Singapore on the 28th of November 2009. Speech Level Singing® (SLS) is a technique which makes singing as natural and easy as speaking. Used by more than 130 Grammy winners and developed by Seth Riggs, legendary vocal coach to the stars, SLS produces an effortless, powerful, and expressive voice. Because you learn how to sing and not what to sing, Speech Level Singing® can be applied to any type of music. SLS Master Teacher Jeffrey Skouson trains some 150 private students at Skouson Vocal Studios in Las Vegas. As a Level 5 instructor for Speech Level Singing and a member of the SLS Instructor Management Team, he has lectured and taught in Europe and throughout the United States. His clients include a wide array of pop, country, and Broadway stars, including lead performers in *Mamma Mia*, *Les Miserables*, and *Hairspray*. Jeffrey was Musical Director for the multi-million-dollar production of *Utah!* for two years at Tuacahn Amphitheater and Center for the Performing Arts in Utah. He currently serves as the Artistic Director and Conductor for the Red Mountain Music Company in Las Vegas.

Register online at <http://www.regonline.com/sls-singapore2>

(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)

All items are available in our office or via postal delivery. To order please send us an email at contact@acappella.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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