

From the Desk of The A Cappella Society - April 2010

Happy Easter everyone!

Vocal Mania is coming up with an exciting mix of performances lined up at The Arts House. Come and enjoy the concerts or even be a part of the singing yourself with our interactive performances. Contact us for the details, tickets are available from The Arts House Box Office or you can contact us for the tickets.

Next up is a busy month of May. We'll have our courses starting again, Pop Vocals and Advanced Vocals. Our Youth Voices concert is coming up at The Esplanade. And we'll have The Spizzwinks (?) all the way from Yale University performing for us at The Arts House.

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

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(1) WHAT'S NEW

Vocal Mania!

Be a part of Vocal Mania 2010! In this multi-concert, one-day event to be held at the Arts House on the 11th of April, you can actively participate as a singer in these interactive concerts:

- 1) A Cappella Vocal Jam The A Cappella Vocal Jam will encourage participants to think creatively, making sounds and combining voices off the top of their heads as Angelina Choo-Sassarak, Music Director of TAS, leads everyone in exploring their voice and having fun at the same time.
- 2) Be A Pop Choir! Broaden your musical knowledge in this segment of Vocal Mania 2010. Music scores will be provided and camaraderie and community spirit strengthened as all involved will embark on the exciting journey of learning a new song or songs together. Practice your sight-reading skills and challenge yourself by exploring not only choral singing, but also singing a cappella. In the process you will have a good chance to interact with like-minded, music-loving students, singers from vocal groups or vocal music enthusiasts.

(2) UP-COMING EVENTS

Vocal Mania, 11 April 10, The Arts House

11 April 2010, 10am-10pm, The Arts House (Chamber, Play Den & Blue Room). The 1st simultaneous multi-concert fiesta! Part of The 1st Fund-Raising Initiative of The A Cappella Society.

Celebrate the power and beauty of the human voice with us! Join us at The Arts House for one full day exclusively dedicated to vocal music, from A Cappella, Choral or Solo singing to Musical Theater, Rock or Beatbox performances. Vocal Mania will be The A Cappella Society's first simultaneous multi-concert fiesta with the aim of raising funds for our society as well as to enter for the Singapore Book of Records for the most number of vocal concerts held in 1 venue in 1 day. With a diverse repertoire, there will be workshops and performances from TAS groups and various local groups including choir groups. The A Cappella Society Ltd is an established charity and IPC with a strong and credible history in creating and promoting vocal music programmes in Singapore.

Tickets available at The Arts House Box Office

Youth Voices - Songs from Grease, 8 May 10, Esplanade Recital Studio

Join The A Cappella Society's own youth singers for an evening of songs from popular musical theater and TV shows like Grease and Glee, completed by some of the singer's favourite songs and even their own arrangements. The songs will be presented in various formations and styles, all a cappella of course, with even some attempts at acting! Come and enjoy a fresh take of your favourite songs and re-live the spirit of the era in its musical form! TAS Youth Voices is a free training programme from The A Cappella Society. Youths from all over Singapore learn the basics of singing, harmonising and A Cappella music and perform on many occasions throughout the year. The concert is a showcase performance for the group highlighting the versatility in repertoire and formation, ranging from Pop A Cappella to Jazz Choir.

Tickets \$25 available from The A Cappella Society.

A limited number of 50% subsidised Keppel Nights tickets is available.

The Yale Spizzwinks (?), 31 May 10, The Arts House Chamber

The Spizzwinks(?) have devised the recipe for a superlative performance: a perfect blend of musicality, humor, and showmanship that leaves audiences begging for more.

Since 1914, The Yale Spizzwinks(?) have entertained audiences around the world with a unique blend of sweet harmony and tongue-in-cheek humor. The Spizzwinks(?) distinguish themselves with the vast diversity of their repertoire and the high quality of the complex arrangements. The performances include songs from all musical styles and eras: jazz standards, traditional spirituals, motown, folk songs, rock, and even pop music. This flexibility allows the group to entertain audiences of all ages and backgrounds, often at the same time!

No Spizzwinks(?) performance would be complete without a generous dose of the unique brand of humor. Ninety-five years ago, they were founded on the idea that a group like this should not only sing well, but should entertain. Ever since, the original and innovative skits have left audiences rolling with laughter.

Tickets \$35 available at The Arts House Box Office.

The A Cappella Championships, 21-23 August 10, The Arts House Chamber & Esplanade Recital Studio

International A Cappella Festival, 18-31 October 10, The Arts House Chamber & Esplanade Recital Studio

A Cappella XMas Jam, 27 November 10, Esplanade Recital Studio

(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 13 May. www.a-cappella.org.sg/training.html

Advanced Vocals course

Ring in the new year and relish in something you are passionate about! The A Cappella Society would like to invite you to sign up for the course "Advanced Vocals". Good news for friends who have previously attended Ms Huimin's "Pop Vocals course"; this course would be a continuation of the previous one, where strengthening of the voice remain as the main objective, plus we would be doing some styling and other aspects of singing. The next course will commence on 4 May 10, Tuesdays, 7.30pm, TAPAC. Please contact us at contact@a-cappella.org.sg if you're interested to know more about the course.

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

(4) GROUPS

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

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@a-cappella.org.sg

(5) MEMBERS

Memberships for 2010 are now available for \$25, contact us for more details!

(6) ADMIN

SHOP WINDOW

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Apple iPhone Battery Pack cum Protector: iPhone 3G/3GS Charger - rubber/plastic enclosure with battery indicator & removable stand, Works as a protection case. The removable stand allows easy viewing of media. Increase battery life by 100%! Charge/Data transfer through standard USB ports.

Price: \$129.00

The Beelzebubs - Play The Game

1. Typical [Mute Math] (arr. Rosen; solo McCormick) 2. Vehicle [The Ides Of March] (arr. Koutzoukis; solo Kluger) 3. Go Or Go Ahead [Rufus Wainwright] (arr. Lamm; solo Rosen) 4. Who Are You [The Who] (arr. Boyer B'04; solo Walker) 5. Dog Problems [The Format] (arr. Van Lenten; solo McCormick) 6. Party All The Time [Eddie Murphy] (arr. Lamm; solo Kluger) 7. Don't Think Twice, It's All Right [Bob Dylan] (arr. Boyer B'04, Lamm; solo Flynn) 8. Debra [Beck] (arr. Rosen; solo Rosen) 9. Rebel Yell [Billy Idol] (arr. Boyer B'04; solo Van Lenten) 10. Cologne [Ben Folds] (arr. Marshall B'03; solo McCormick) 11. All The Love In The World [Nine Inch Nails] (arr. Koutzoukis; solo Koutzoukis) 12. Goodbye Cruel World [Pink Floyd] (arr. Squibb B'92; solo Rosen)

Price: \$25.00

Contact us

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