

From the Desk of The A Cappella Society - May 2010

Happy Labour Day everyone!

May has 2 exciting concerts lined up for you. Youth Voices will go first with a concert of contemporary hits and classic pop songs from shows like Grease and Glee sung a cappella by the TAS Youth Voices. Later in the month The Spizzwinks (?) all the way from Yale University will showcase the best of collegiate a cappella at The Arts House.

After that our events take a summer break to give us the chance to gear up for the Championships and our Festival. Our regular programmes however will continue, the courses and training programmes as well as the performances by our various groups.

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

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(1) WHAT'S NEW

Youth Voices - PAssion Card discount

Get \$5 off your ticket to Youth Voices with your PAssion Card, simply write your PAssion Card number in the ticket order form!

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.

(2) UP-COMING EVENTS

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

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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

Be mesmerised by classic, jazz and pop tunes alike as the groups fight it out for victory at this year's Aca Champs! The A Cappella Championships has become a staple in the A Cappella Society's annual calendar of events. It invites the best a cappella groups from all corners of Singapore to compete in a sing-off that challenges not only the performers themselves, but also the audience in re-evaluating the ever-changing genre of a cappella music.

The Aca Champs, as it is endearingly known as, is a programme that aims to provide positive reinforcement for all participating groups and serves as an annual testing ground for local and new pop/jazz a cappella groups to compete against one another in a friendly environment, winning prizes that would enable them to reach more performance platforms and opportunities in our society. It has over the last 8 years become THE annual a cappella competition, allowing singers to watch and learn from other teams and to assess for themselves the development of standards across the categories each year.

21 August - 3pm Choir cat (free) - 7.30pm College cat (\$15) - The Arts House Chamber

22 August - 3pm High School cat (free) - 7.30pm Open cat (\$15) - The Arts House Chamber

Tickets available at The Arts House Box Office

23 August - 7.30pm International & Beatbox cat (\$25) - Esplanade Recital Studio

Tickets available from The A Cappella Society

International A Cappella Festival, 9-31 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

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

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.

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