

## **Please forward this information to each and every competitor.**

Welcome to the 2016 Pan Pacific Harmony Festival, which incorporates:

- The International Rising Star
- Pan Pacific 25 & under barbershop and a cappella competitions
- YSIH Auckland Regional School Barbershop competitions

Our festival runs for two days: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> for quartets, and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> for groups and choruses.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Whether you're competing in the quartet competition or in the group competition **you MUST come to the Aotea Centre on Wednesday to collect your registration pack**—it includes your FREE tickets to Deke Sharon's Intro to A Cappella workshop, at 4pm on Wednesday 13 July. **DON'T LET ANYONE MISS OUT!**

**Our competition days are busy. Please make sure you know where you need to be and when.**

The up-to-date traffic pattern is available on the Pan Pacific Youth Harmony website under the FESTIVAL PROGRAMME tab.

The **registration desk opens at 8:30am**. Please check in when you arrive

The quartet competition starts at 9:15am

The group competition starts at 10am

The Blues Bar is to the right when you enter the Aotea Centre. It can be used for rehearsals—please be considerate and share this space with others. There is a white board for you to book one 20-minute rehearsal session on the Blues Bar Risers.

**For the Quartet Competition auditorium seating** is general admission—you can sit wherever you like.

**For the Group Competition auditorium seating** has been allocated to groups so you have a place to call your own:

- you can create a banner to identify your area if you wish
- your personal belongings can stay in the auditorium when you compete
- do not take your belongings backstage
- you should appoint someone to watch over your belongings until you return.

**Warm-up rooms** are available 35 minutes before your performance. Please wait at the door that leads to backstage **before** your "report backstage time". Do not be late. Leave all your stuff with your family and friends in the auditorium. When you want to leave the auditorium please:

- wait until there is a pause **between groups**
- quietly leave the auditorium via the exit doors at the back of the room
- to compete turn left then head to the backstage door—follow the signs
- you will be met by the backstage manager

- be quiet backstage
- you will be assigned a warm-up room and an escort
- your director/coach or teacher must be with you at all times in your warm-up room
- 5 minutes before you perform, your escort will take you to the backstage holding area
- no singing, talking, or noise in the holding area
- if you take a water bottle backstage—this will be collected by your escort just before you go onstage and returned after your performance
- the stage manager will guide you onto the stage
- after your performance 3 photographs will be taken of your final poses on stage
- after your performance your escort will take you back to the Aotea Centre foyer for more photographs
- after photographs you can quietly return to your seat in the theatre when there is a pause **between groups**.

**There is an audience choice award for the group competition—so invite lots of friends and family.**

There are morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea breaks—check the competition schedule,

- **do not eat or drink in the auditorium**
- breaks are good times to sing tags with anybody and everybody – sing with some champions.

#### **DEKE'S INTRO TO A CAPPELLA WORKSHOP – FREE ENTRY FOR CONTESTANTS**

Your ticket to the Quartet and Group Competitions is the same ticket to get you into Deke Sharon's Intro to A Cappella workshop. Get tickets to Deke's A Cappella Masterclass from TICKETMASTER. The workshops are also open to the public so make sure you bring your family and friends!

You can sing in Deke's Pan Pacific Harmony Chorus at 3:25pm on Thursday, be directed and coached by the very best. You just need to know his song, Joy To The World – Jeremiah was a Bullfrog. Learning tracks and music are on the Pan Pacific Youth Harmony website under the FREEBIES tab.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY – have a great time!**