

Welcome to the Information Page for the:

## **A Cappella Festival 2018**

***(sponsored by Western Hospitality Singers)***

May 26, 2018

Welcome! And thank you for checking out our A Cappella Festival 2018! Western Hospitality Singers, a chorus of men who enjoy singing in the a cappella style, is proud to sponsor and organize this Festival to celebrate how singing can change lives and bring a lifetime of joy for young female and male singers. Of course, as singers in the barbershop genre, we are always happy to introduce young singers to that form of a cappella singing. However this Festival is intended to celebrate all forms of a cappella performance and is open to all a cappella singers. It is primarily intended for high school and college/university aged singers.

In this summary you will find all the information you need to know about the Festival, and after reviewing it, you will be able to register as a participant for the Festival!

### **What?**

This Festival will be run together with the Alberta Barbershop Contest in Calgary, thereby providing all of the participants the opportunity **to perform in front of internationally certified judges** of the Barbershop Harmony Society and then to **receive feedback from those judges**. The participants will also have the opportunity to hear barbershop quartets and choruses from Alberta as part of the day's activities. **Participants will compete in one of two classes based on numbers of singers and cash prizes will be paid to the top scoring and runner-up ensemble in each class**. The first class is intended for groups of 13 or more singers, in the Large Ensemble class. The second class is for groups from 4 to 12 singers in the Quartet/Small Ensemble class. In the evening at the Show of Champions the top-placing and runner-up participants in each class will be invited to perform again in front of an appreciative audience of friends, family and choral music lovers. The Show of Champions will also include a feature performance by an Internationally Ranked and Regional Champion Barbershop Quartet "High Fidelity" from California who are renowned for their excellent singing and comedic performances. What better opportunity to hear world class a cappella singing in the barbershop genre?

### **Cost?**

There is **no cost to participate in the Festival contest or to perform on the Show of Champions**

- Each participating ensemble/group will be asked to provide a \$100 refundable deposit, which will be returned upon check-in at the Registration Desk on May 26 between 9:00 and 10:00 am.
- Tickets for the lunch (\$10 per person) can be purchased at the Registration Desk on the morning of the Festival.

### **When?**

Saturday, May 26, 2018

(Approx. 9:00 am to 5:30 pm contest, includes show of champions 7:30 – 9:30 pm)

## **Where?**

Bethany Chapel ([3333 Richardson Way S. W., Calgary](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3333+Richardson+Way+Southwest,+Calgary,+AB/T/@51.0511111,-114.0755556,15z))

## **SOME FAQ's:**

### **What will the Cash Prizes Be?**

- Champion Large Ensemble - \$750
- Runner-up Large Ensemble - \$400
- Champion Small Ensemble/Quartet - \$500
- Runner-up Small Ensemble/Quartet - \$300

### **How will the songs be judged?**

The judges will review each song using 3 broad criteria as follows:

- Harmonizing – singing in harmony with multiple voice parts
- Interpretation – the musical interpretation enhances the message and style of the song
- Presentation – the visual presentation of the song enhances the musical interpretation

### **How Many Groups Can Register for the Festival?**

Participation will be limited to a maximum of 4 or 5 participating groups in each of the 2 classes.

### **How many songs should we perform in the Festival?**

Each group will have an 8 minute maximum time to perform one or two songs of their choice. The first song will be the one on which the judges will rank the performance but if the group chooses to perform 2 songs then both songs will be included in the judges feedback and coaching.

### **How do I register my group?**

Follow this link: [www.sing4fun.ca/youth](http://www.sing4fun.ca/youth) or email [youth@sing4fun.ca](mailto:youth@sing4fun.ca)

### **Are there any limits to song selection, style or voice types?**

The only requirement is that the songs be performed in the a cappella style (no accompaniment). The Festival is open to any voicings whether all male, all female, or mixed voices.

If participating groups would like any suggestions or support accessing legal music, Western Hospitality Singers will help wherever possible.

### **For more Information contact:**

- Follow this link: [www.sing4fun.ca/youth](http://www.sing4fun.ca/youth)
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