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SHOW CHOIR CANADA 2015: INTERNATIONAL SHOWDOWN RETURNS CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF SHOW CHOIR

“The Next Step” star Jordan Clark to Host

TORONTO, April 7, 2015 – In what has already been a showcase year for **Show Choir Canada**, the 5th annual **Show Choir Canada Championships** (previously National Championships) and **Show Choir Canada Junior Championships** (previously Junior/Middle School Invitational) return to Toronto on April 10 and 11, 2015 at the **Queen Elizabeth Theatre**. Both events will be hosted by The Family Channel’s “The Next Step” star and “So You Think You Can Dance Canada” winner **Jordan Clark**.

2015 marks Show Choir Canada’s fifth anniversary, and has been celebrated by a sleek redesign and rebranding of the organization, as well as a 2015 **Canadian Screen Award** win for “Best Biography or Arts Documentary Program or Series” for the highly successful **TVO** documentary “UNsung: Behind The Glee,” featuring Show Choir Canada.

*“2015 is shaping up to be a banner year for Show Choir Canada,” said **George Randolph**, Co-Founder and Executive Producer. “We are not only celebrating our fifth anniversary, but we kicked off the year with an incredible Canadian Screen Award win – demonstrating how show choir clearly captures the imagination of participants and audiences alike both on screen or live in person at our events.”*

New for this year, the **Show Choir Canada Championships** have expanded to welcome community groups of high-school aged performers, who for the first time will have the opportunity to perform and compete alongside Arts schools in a newly formed and expanded “Arts School/Community” choir division. Other returning Championship divisions include: Non-Arts, Large Ensemble and Small Ensemble.

In the only international event of its kind, thirteen of Canada’s best new and returning show choirs, and two new show choirs from the United States, will make the event intercontinental. These performers will vie for more than \$10,000 in prize money from **Yamaha Canada Music**, individual scholarships to the **Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts** and most importantly, the prestigious title and bragging rights of “2015 Show Choir Canada Champions” in a one-chance to win Championship.

“With each Show Choir Canada champion crowned over the last four years,



*national and international interest has grown exponentially, and each year the stakes are raised higher and higher,” said **Peter da Costa**, Co-Founder and Executive Producer. “Our Championships have grown into so much more than just a competition, and Show Choir Canada is proud to continue to be able to provide our performers with not only a professional performance experience, but also an invaluable exercise in character building and teamwork that lasts long after their bows.”*

Named “Canada’s favourite dancer” as final season winner of “So You Think You Can Dance Canada,” **Jordan Clark** star of The Family Channel’s “The Next Step” returns to host, following a sold-out, cross Canada live-performance tour of the hit TV show now in it’s third season.

As in past years, a judging panel consisting of top industry experts from across North America and Europe will assess the competitors, with awards and prizes given for the top choirs and bands, as well as recognition for individual performers.

Also returning for the fourth year will be the **Show Choir Canada Junior Championship**, where seven show choirs from Grades 4- 8 – the future of the performing arts – will take to the stage. Juniors will perform and compete in front of adjudicators, and receive valuable feedback with prizing and scholarship opportunities, in the evening of April 10, 2015 at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

More information, including full schedule and adjudicator bios, can be found online at www.ShowChoirCanada.com or by calling 1-877-90GLEEK.

2015 SHOW CHOIR CANADA

Queen Elizabeth Theatre, 190 Princes' Blvd, Toronto

Show Choir Canada Junior Championships: April 10, 2015

5:10PM – 8PM, Doors open 4:30PM

Tickets On Sale Now: \$30 (advance), \$35 (at door)

Show Choir Canada Championships: April 11, 2015

9:15AM – 9:45PM, Doors open 8:30AM, 1:00PM, 5:30PM

Tickets On Sale Now: \$30/session (advance), \$75 VIP Pass (advance)
\$35/session (at door)

To order Tickets for all Show Choir Canada events:

By Phone: 1-800-656-0713

Online: www.ShowChoirCanada.com “Tickets”

In Person (day of): Queen Elizabeth Theatre

About SHOW CHOIR CANADA:

Show Choir Canada’s mission is to play a vital role in the development and support of show choirs in Canada by creating opportunities, including live competition-format presentations, that inspire youth participants to not only work



together through song and dance to achieve a common goal of excellence but also grow and develop as individuals while sharing in the creative process.

Since 2011, Show Choir Canada has given Canadian show choir students opportunities to perform in professional theatres, in front of enthusiastic audiences and expert adjudicators, with each competition featuring awards and prizes for top choirs and outstanding individual performers.

Show Choir Canada is presented by professionals in the performing arts industry; The Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts, which trains Canada's Triple Threat talent, and da Costa Talent Management, which represents some of Canada's leading actors, dancers, singers, and world-class choreographers.

For more information visit www.showchoircanada.com or call 1-877-90GLEEK

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